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Our picture shows one of the big tanks used by the Japanese in Shanghai. Many of these weapons of war are being withdrawn.

DARTMOOR TRIAL.

NEW OUTBREAK SENSATION.

GRAVE CHARGE BY COUNSEL.

(Reuter's Special Service).

London, Mar. 22. Sensational questions regarding yesterday's fresh incidents at Dartmoor Gaol were asked to-day when warders gave evidence at the fourth day's hearing of the charges against thirty-two convicts in connexion with the outbreak of January 24th last.

Mr. James, the defending counsel, asked a warder "whether he knew if two men who are to be hanged for the defence were dragged to their cells yesterday with bleeding heads."

The suggestion underlying Mr. James' query was that, according to his instructions, some of the defence witnesses had been interfered with.

The question was not directly answered.

Meanwhile, in view of yesterday's incidents, and also because a heavy mist hung over Dartmoor to-day, the convicts' escort has been greatly strengthened.

Before the lories containing the escorts came up, the convicts could be heard singing lustily such songs as "Pack Up Your Troubles in Your Old Kit-bag," and "It's a Long Way to Tipperary."

STOP PRESS.

PEACE CONFERENCE POSTPONED.

Shanghai, 11.18 a.m.

The first formal peace conference scheduled to take place this morning was postponed till tomorrow, apparently because China has not yet designated her chief military delegate.

General Chiang Kwang-nai, mentioned for the post, suddenly left for the front yesterday morning. It is expected in local Chinese circles that General Gaston Wang, Chief of Staff of the NINTH Army will be appointed as China's military delegate.—Reuter.

BRITAIN'S POLICY RE-STATE.

FULL-DRESS DEBATE IN THE COMMONS.

LABOUR'S CALL TO FIRM ACTION.

A FULL DRESS DEBATE on the situation in the Far East was sponsored in the House of Commons last night by Mr. George Lansbury, who urged strong action to eject Japan from Manchuria.

Sir John Simon refused to accept the proposition that the new administration in Manchuria was established by Japan, until full enquiry had been made, while making it also very clear that the new State has many difficult conditions to fulfil before recognition by the British Government is likely.

London, Mar. 22. Mr. George Lansbury, leader of the Opposition, initiated a debate on the Far Eastern dispute in the House of Commons to-night, for the purpose of ascertaining the policy of the Government.

He said that months had passed with very little progress towards a settlement. He also enquired the Government's views regarding the Disarmament Conference.

Although he said he recognised Japan's position, her inability to find sufficient markets for her manufactures, he considered that Japan had blundered in China. All countries must be thankful for the stand the United States had taken in conjunction with the League.

EJECT JAPAN!

Mr. Lansbury asked Sir John Simon what the League proposed to do to eject the Japanese from Manchuria, and also what he proposed to do concerning the Japanese communication relative to the Manchurian Customs. He requested Sir John Simon to draw the attention of the Japanese Government to the fact that such action was contrary to British interests, the League Covenant and the Washington Nine-Power Treaty.

Sir Austen Chamberlain, joining the debate, said they must all recognise the powerful influence which Sir John Simon had exercised in the councils of the League in bringing together nations which, at the outset, were widely divided.

He deprecated the use of hard words in reference to Japan. Hard words never settled international controversies. He also deprecated Mr. Lansbury's suggestion that if trouble broke out in the International Settlement, British nationals should be evacuated.

MARKED PEOPLE.

He declared that such a step would have serious consequences. It would destroy the whole of our trade with China and would deprive us of any influence in the councils of the Asiatic Powers.

We should be marked as a people who forgot traditions, as neither willing to help the needy nor to protect our own people in the hour of danger.

Sir Austen expressed the hope

that nothing would be done to prevent the restoration fully of the old Anglo-Japanese friendship. As regards China, we had no territorial ambitions there or elsewhere, desiring to see China strong and prosperous.

JAPAN'S PROMISES.

Sir John Simon, rising to reply to the debate, announced that the Japanese Ambassador, Mr. Matsudaira, had informed him that orders had been given for withdrawal of the greater part of the Japanese naval fleet and some of the land forces from Shanghai. He added that the preliminary peace negotiations were reported to have closed satisfactorily and a formal conference is being held to-morrow (Wednesday).

The statement was loudly applauded.

Sir John Simon proceeded to enumerate the Japanese naval forces in Chinese waters and said that Japan was reducing these forces to something not much greater than in normal times.

The House was entitled, said Sir John, to feel satisfaction that a few who had seemed to be an unhappily long wait, we had at length reached a point when we were able to say that the United States were joining with ourselves and other great Powers interested in the Far East, in endeavouring to promote great purposes common to the League Covenant and the Pact of Paris.

HUSTLE DANGERS.

He did not wish, however, to speak too hopefully of the present situation in the Shanghai area, for one learned from Rudyard Kipling of the dangers lying in wait for anybody who tried to hustle in the East. The worst news was, nevertheless, encouraging.

He was very far from saying that the news, encouraging as it was, was the same thing as having secured the final arrangement.

(Continued on Page 7.)

NEW TURN OF EVENTS IN INDIA.

DIRECT ACTION BY MOSLEMS.

LAHORE THREAT.

Lahore, Mar. 22. A new and serious turn has been given to the political situation by a resolution of the All-India Muslim Conference in session at Lahore to-day.

The resolution follows closely the announcement of the British Government that they would not permit the failure of the communities to compose their differences to impede progress in working out the new Constitution.

In spite of this declaration, a threat of "direct action" unless the Government recedes to the Muslim demands by the end of June, was contained in the resolution passed.

The resolution of the Conference also instructs the Working Committee to draw up a programme for launching on July 3.—Reuter.

JUNKERS FIRM IN DIFFICULTIES.

GOVERNMENT AID EXPECTED.

Dussan, Mar. 22.

Despite the fact that the book assets exceed the company's liabilities by some ten million marks, the Junkers Aircraft Company is financially embarrassed.

It is anticipated, however, that the Government of the Reich will come to the rescue as it has millions invested in the Junkers firm.—Reuter.

JAPANESE HARD PRESSED.

COMMANDEER HARBIN BUSES.

Harbin, Mar. 22.

As the Japanese cannot arrange transport for their troops by railway on the eastern section of the Chinese Eastern Railway, they are commandeering and mobilising all motor-buses.

It is reported that the situation on the eastern line is critical. Several minor engagements have taken place in the vicinity of Impeno and Hengtaohue.—Reuter.

TRAGIC DEATH ON HERMES.

JOINER DROPS DEAD AT WORK.

We regret having to record the death of David Joseph Brunning, a first-class joiner on H.M.S. Hermes, who dropped dead while working on the aeroplane carrier about 5 p.m. yesterday. His home is at Gillingham, Kent. A post-mortem is to be held to-day.



Staff officers of the Japanese 14th Division, now in sole occupancy of the front lines, at a signal post.

EIGHT DAYS TO GO.

BRITISH BUDGET PROSPECTS.

London, Mar. 22.

With eight more working days before the financial year ends on March 31st, the revenue returns to March 19th show a deficit on national accounts of only £15,400,000, compared with £34,800,000 at the corresponding date last year.

Revenue in the week amounted to £24,700,000 and expenditure to £19,900,000, making a surplus in the week of £4,800,000.

Income Tax receipts have already exceeded the revised Budget estimate of £270,000,000 by over £5,000,000, and surtax receipts are only £2,400,000 short.

On the other hand, Estate Duties and stamps together are £21,000,000 behind last year's receipts to date although the Budget estimated to receive in the year about the same total as last year.

Cutsums and Excise Revenue are together about £10,000,000 over last year's receipts to date, compared with the Budget estimate of a £7,500,000 increase in the year.

Supply expenditure to date is about £14,000,000 in excess of last year, compared with an estimated increase of £22,500,000, this indicating substantial economies.

The Floating Debt amounts to £609,000,000, a reduction of £3,500,000 in the week.—British Wireless.

LOTTERIES BILL INTRODUCED.

MAJORITY OF OVER FIFTY.

London, Mar. 22.

The House of Commons, by 170 votes to 123, granted leave to Sir William Davidson, private Conservative member, to introduce the Lotteries Bill.

The object of the Bill is to authorise the raising of money by means of lotteries for charitable, scientific and artistic purposes, or any public improvement or other public object, under conditions to be approved by the Secretary of State.—British Wireless.

LOCAL DOLLAR UNCHANGED.

MARKET ON QUIET SIDE.

Conditions on the local exchange market to-day are quiet, with the dollar unchanged at 1s. 3 1/2d. Inter-banks business has, however, been done at about 1s. 4d.

Silver is down 1/16th spot and forward in London. India was a small seller, and China a small buyer, the market being quiet. After the official fixing, the market ruled quietly steady.

New York reports a rise of 1/8th, on a steady market.

Only One Division Left in Line.

SNIPERS INFLECT CASUALTIES.

Shanghai, Mar. 23, 10.32 a.m.

The members of the Lytton Commission are leaving Shanghai for the interior on Saturday, splitting into two sections.

The exact itinerary of each of the two sections is not yet known, but one will proceed by train to Hangchow, reaching Nanking on Sunday.

The other will proceed up-river by Customs launch.

Conversations will be held with representatives of the Nanking Government on Monday morning.

Yesterday, the members of the Commission interviewed separately Chinese and Japanese business men chiefly concerned in economic conditions and trade in Manchuria.

To-night, Mr. Shigemitsu is giving a dinner in honour of the League's representatives.

Peace Hopes.

Meanwhile, following the many meetings held under the auspices of Sir Miles Lampson and his colleagues, at which the Chinese and Japanese representatives in Shanghai were present, it is learned that the preliminaries have been completed fairly satisfactorily, and hopes are entertained that the points of difference will be cleared up at the formal conference to-day.

Meanwhile, the Japanese are proceeding to carry out their promises regarding the withdrawal of armed forces.

Naval Orders.

Five cruisers, sixteen destroyers and two aircraft-carriers are under orders to leave Chinese waters and it is contemplated to reduce the Japanese naval forces in Chinese waters to something not far above normal.

Embarkation of Japanese land forces is also proceeding. Besides the Mixed Brigade which has already been sent back, the Japanese Eleventh Division is now gradually proceeding home in transports, and the task of withdrawing these men should be completed by this evening.

The Ninth Division has been taken out of the front line and is now guarding Woosung. This division also is expected to leave for Japan shortly.

The Fourteenth Division are maintaining the line from Liuhou southwards to the boundaries of the International Settlement.

Snipers Active.

Chinese snipers continue their activities, and daily Japanese casualties are reported.

A message from Soochow states that a strong protest against Japanese aerial manoeuvres has been registered by the foreign population of Soochow, headed by Dr. Nance, a Professor at Soochow University.

Foreign Accusation.

The foreign residents allege that the Japanese planes are attempting to draw the Chinese fire for the purpose of providing Japan with an excuse for launching bombing attacks.

The Japanese answer that their planes are not equipped with explosives and shooting from planes has been prohibited this month.—Reuter.

LORRY MISHAP AT TAIKOO.

FOUR COOLIES SENT TO HOSPITAL.

A lorry, laden with fish and carrying seven coolies, was proceeding to town from Shaikwan through Quarry Bay Road at about eight o'clock yesterday morning.

IRELAND'S OATH CHALLENGE.

SENSATION IN COMMONS.

CRISIS COMING TO HEAD.

CABINET TO SIT.

London, Mar. 22.

When answering a Parliamentary question on the position in Ireland this afternoon, the Dominions Secretary, Mr. J. H. Thomas stated that the Government in the United Kingdom regarded the relations between Britain and the Irish Free States as resting on the Treaty of 1921.

He added that since reaching the House he had received from the Irish Free State Commissioner in London, a very important and serious document dealing with the situation. He would take the earliest opportunity to-morrow to announce the contents of the document and the Government's answer to it.

Soon afterwards, a statement was issued by the High Commissioner for the Irish Free State in London to the effect that he had advised Mr. J. H. Thomas to-day of the policy of the Irish Government regarding the Oath of Allegiance.

IRISH ATTITUDE.

The British Government must realise, he said, that real peace in Ireland was impossible as long as full and free representation of the people in their parliament was rendered impossible by a test of this character.

His Government held that the Oath was not mandatory in the Treaty of 1921.

They had not the absolute right to modify the Constitution as the people desired and anything affecting the Constitution was referred to the internal sovereignty and was purely a domestic matter.

The people regarded the Oath of Allegiance as an intolerable burden and a relic of Medievalism. The test was imposed from outside under a threat of an immediate and terrible war.

CABINET MEETING.

There is little doubt that an emergency debate will be secured to-morrow on the subject of the Irish Free State Government's communication to the Secretary of State for the Dominions.

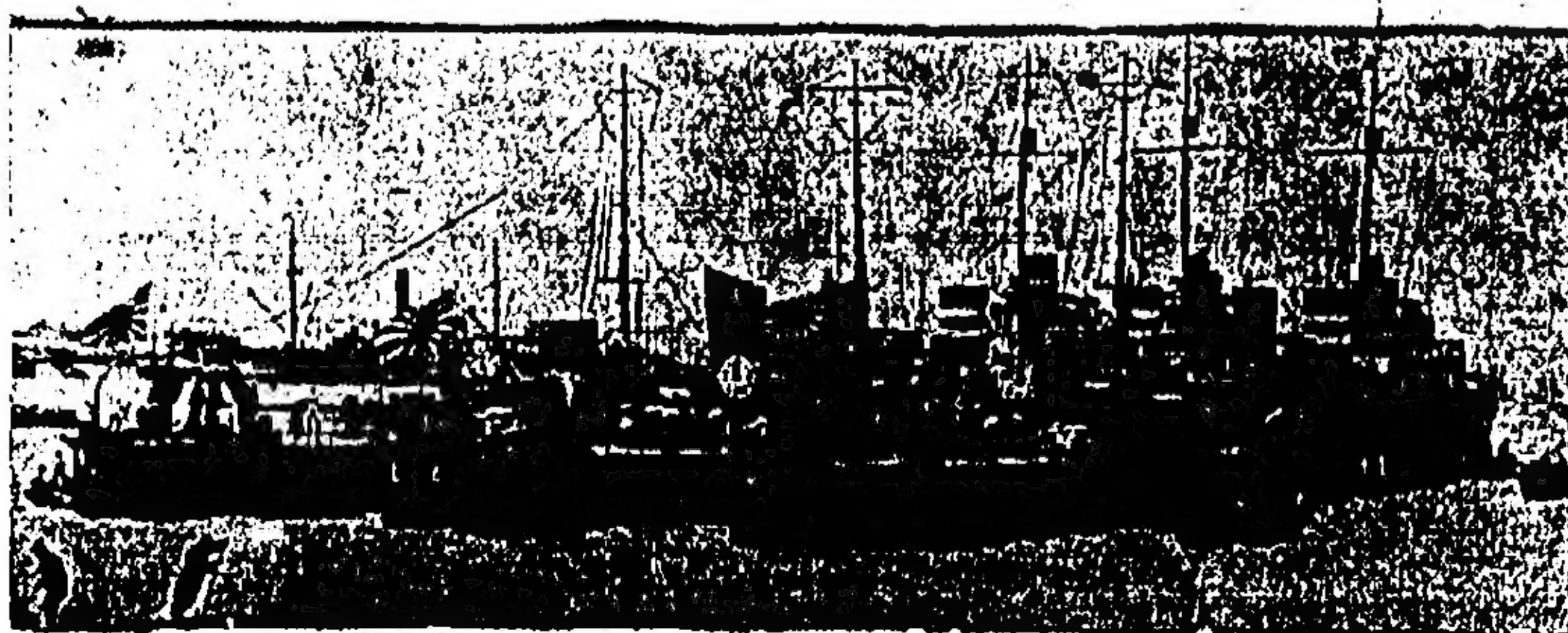
A meeting of the Cabinet will be held in the morning to consider the document, after which Mr. Thomas will make a statement in the House of Commons.

Conservatives are demanding that any loss of land annuities revenue shall be recovered by an immediate tariff on Irish produce and live-stock, of which Britain takes ninety per cent. of the Free State's output.—Reuter and British Wireless.

when, for some reason as yet unexplained by the driver, it swerved abruptly to the right, and turned over on its side, throwing the fish and the passengers on to the roadway.

The driver escaped unscathed, but four coolies, including a woman, were injured. They were taken to hospital, one of the men being later allowed to leave after his injuries had been dressed.

The lorry, No. 2665, owned by the Hong Koo Transportation Company, was found to be only slightly damaged, being driven to the Central Police Station subsequently. The mishap occurred between the east and west gates of the Tai Koo Dock, while the vehicle was rounding a corner.



Five cruisers, sixteen destroyers and two aircraft-carriers of the Japanese fleet in Shanghai, are under orders to leave. Our photo shows some of the destroyers at anchor in the Whangpoo.

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THE DEFENCE OF HONGKONG.

APPEAL FOR ANTI-AIRCRAFT SECTION.

ROTARY TALK.

Mr. C. Champkin was in his usual humorous mood when he delivered an address at yesterday's luncheon of the Hongkong Rotary Club, on "These Anti-Aircraft Guns," in the course of which he appealed for men to come forward and join the newly-formed Anti-Aircraft Light Automatic Company of the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps.

The Chairman (Sir William Hornell) welcomed the following guests, as non-Rotarians, Mr. R. C. Turvin (California), Mr. V.G. Bronson (Hongkong), Mr. A.D. Muir (Hongkong) and Mr. F. Syme Thomson (Hongkong), and Doctor H.P. Yew, (Yunnanfu).

Also the following Rotarians, Mr. C.E. Horsman (Shanghai), Mr. M. Sander, Mr. W. Vinson Lee and Mr. R. Farr, all of Shanghai, and Mr. T. Fox (Bangkok).

Mr. Lee expressed his pleasure at finding the Hongkong Club prospering, saying Shanghai Rotarians brought back news of the activities in Hongkong, and they greatly appreciated the welcome always given them.

He added, "I left Shanghai the day before the Lytton Commission arrived so I cannot tell you much about the peace negotiations. I do notice here, however, that the news that appears in the Hongkong papers is very meagre (laughter) compared with what appears on the spot. We have the front and sometimes the second page plastered with news—(laughter).

Mr. Champkin's Address.

Mr. Champkin said,—It was with some difficulty that I persuaded my friend, Mr. Macpherson, to prevail upon me to accept your kind invitation to-day. You have been very patient with me here on other occasions when I have spoken on subjects of which I know nothing, but I confess I feared the danger of putting your forbearance to a breaking strain on the subject of these anti-aircraft guns.

It is only fair to Mr. Macpherson for me to say that he endorsed my apprehension with a wholeheartedness that seemed to me perhaps a little ready, having regard to our long and friendly association in imposing on the suffering public of this Colony.

An Absorbing Passion.

Anti-aircraft guns happen to be an absorbing passion of mine, but I don't expect you to be anything but mildly interested in them, any more than you would expect me to be particularly interested in golf, or the assassination of an ape, or the nude culturists.—(Laughter). We all have our hobbies and I didn't come here to talk about mine. I am here principally because I find it pleasant to be in the goodly company of so many old volunteers, and I am more glad than I might be, after tasting this coffee, to know that most of you don't think anti-aircraft guns are worth a damn!—(Laughter) I should be much discouraged if you thought otherwise! When old volunteers develop the habit of taking a cheerful view of volunteering they ought to retire. We can always find them a congenial job in the Boy Scouts.

The Colony expects, and has every right to demand, a decorous and decent despatch from its Defence Corps. (Laughter) for there has never been a time in its history when the Colony's best volunteers were not the world's worst pessimists.

It was so in our time, and it has always been so. I daresay most of you can go back twenty-five years, when the rifleman watched with dull amazement the first aeroplane that disturbed the pleasing amenities of his Easter manoeuvres. He knew then that volunteering was finished. He knew the aeroplane had beaten him and that the end had come.

Whiskered Warriors.

Forty years before his time, the whiskered warriors, whose portraits are preserved in our Officers Mess, waved their beards with the same dismal foreboding. They laid aside their crossbows and battleaxes (laughter) or whatever small arms they used in the sixties, and they took up the latest thing in guns, snappy Snider rifles, and they also knew the end had come. They also knew that modern armament had put a sock in the old spirit and that volunteering would never be the same again.

So it has been throughout three quarters of a century of volunteering history. We have all been gloomy prophets, but, like old Ezekiel, we have seen the dry bones, stirring, and we are not without hope that the spirit of the sixties, that never failed us yet, will serve the hour and need long after we are gone.—(Applause).

Never More Keen.

We know that if the Colony's volunteers to-day are small in numbers they have never been more keen and that they are immeasurably more efficient than at any time before.

We know that those old warriors in picturesque poses, throwing the weight of their bodies on their chinstraps (laughter) were splendid fellows.—(Applause). They handed down something more lasting than a peculiar fashion in sidewalkers. They started a great movement. They gave to those who came after them a spirit that, if it has waned at times, has gathered strength again, and gone from strength to strength when real and urgent need has called on this Colony for volunteers.

A. A. an Urgent Need.

The Anti-aircraft Light Automatic Company anticipates a real and urgent need—the need to guard against menace that twenty-five years ago would have seemed as fantastic as it seemed forty years before then, when Tennyson forevisioned the nations' aerial navies grappling in the central blue.

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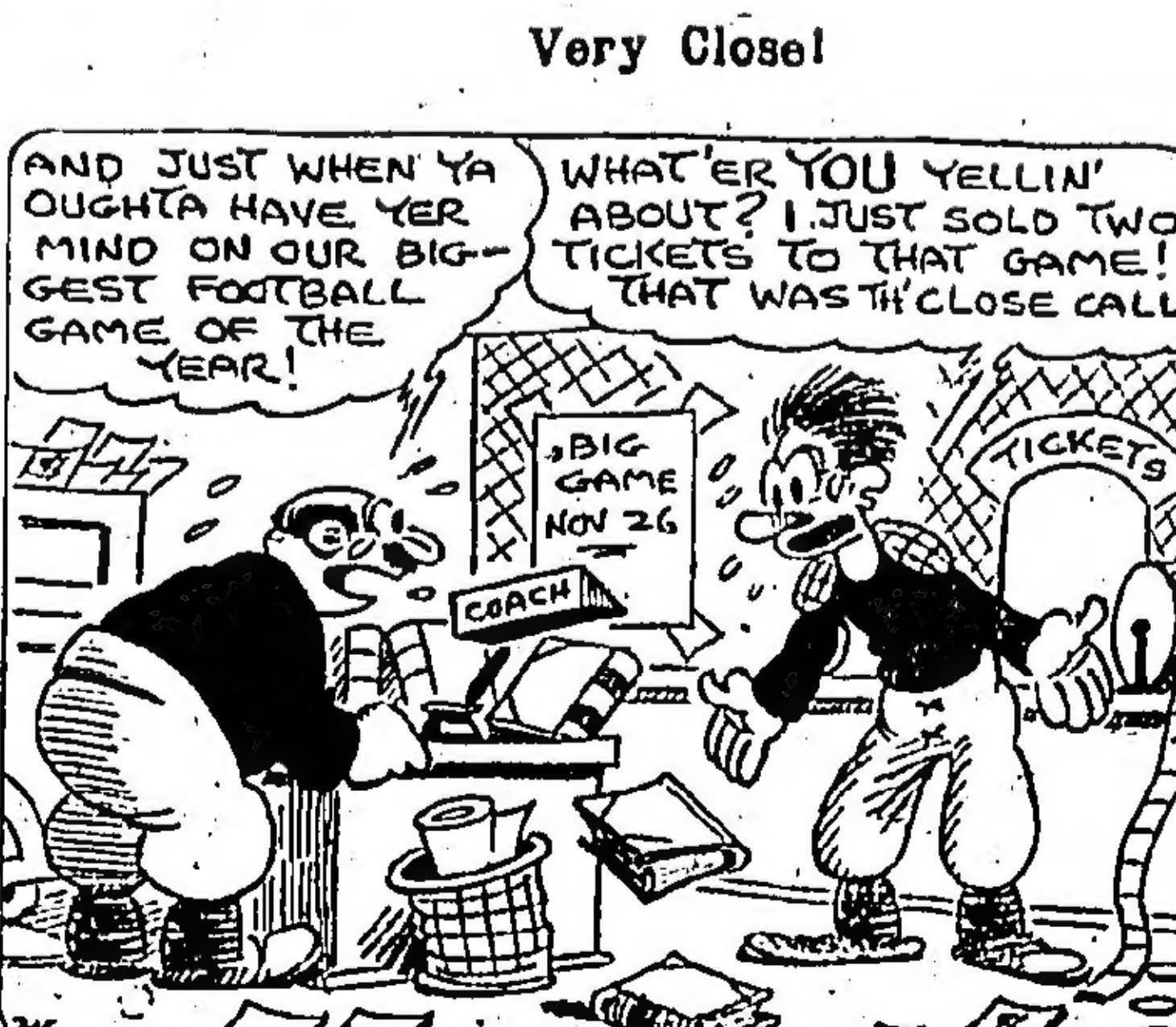
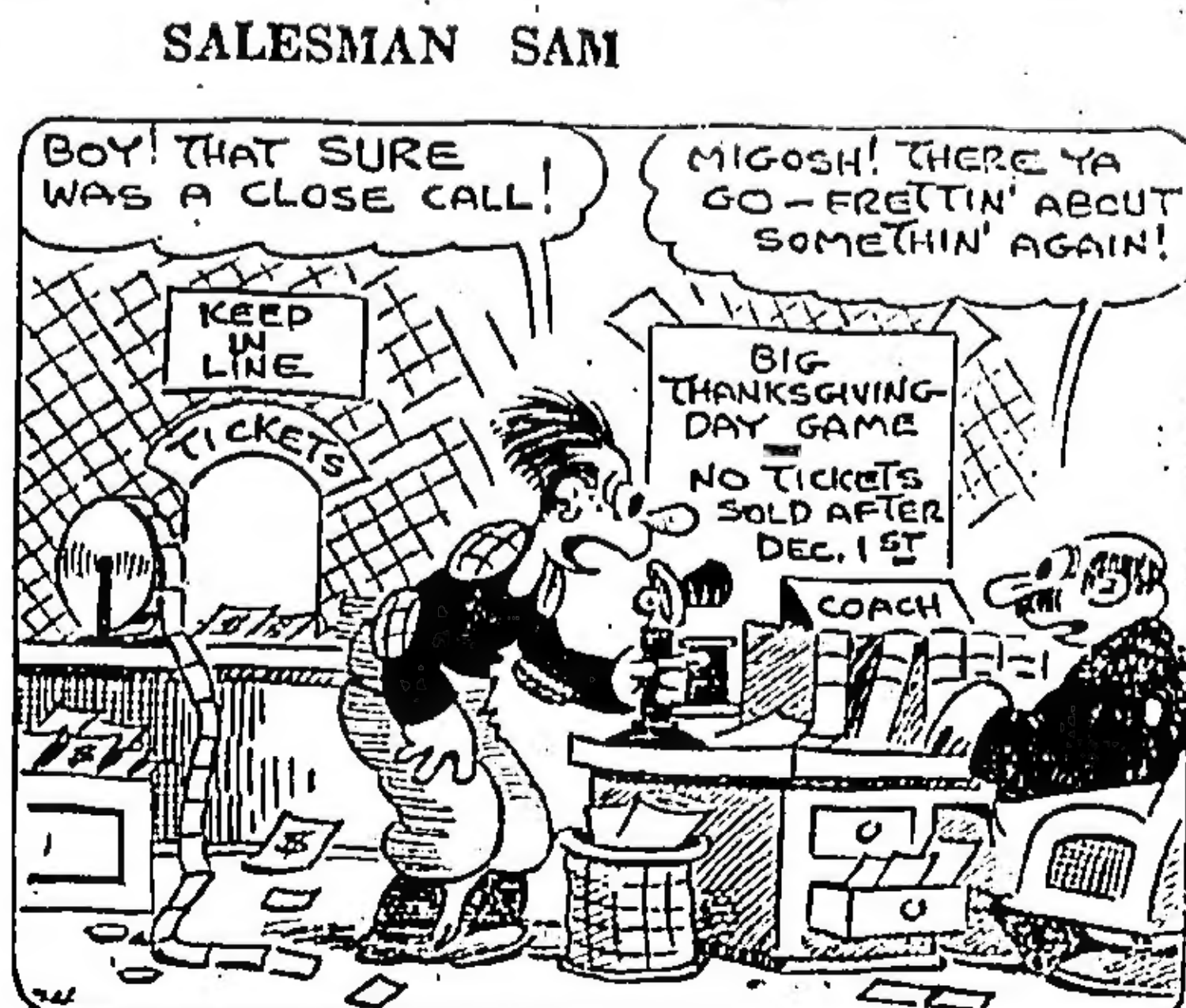
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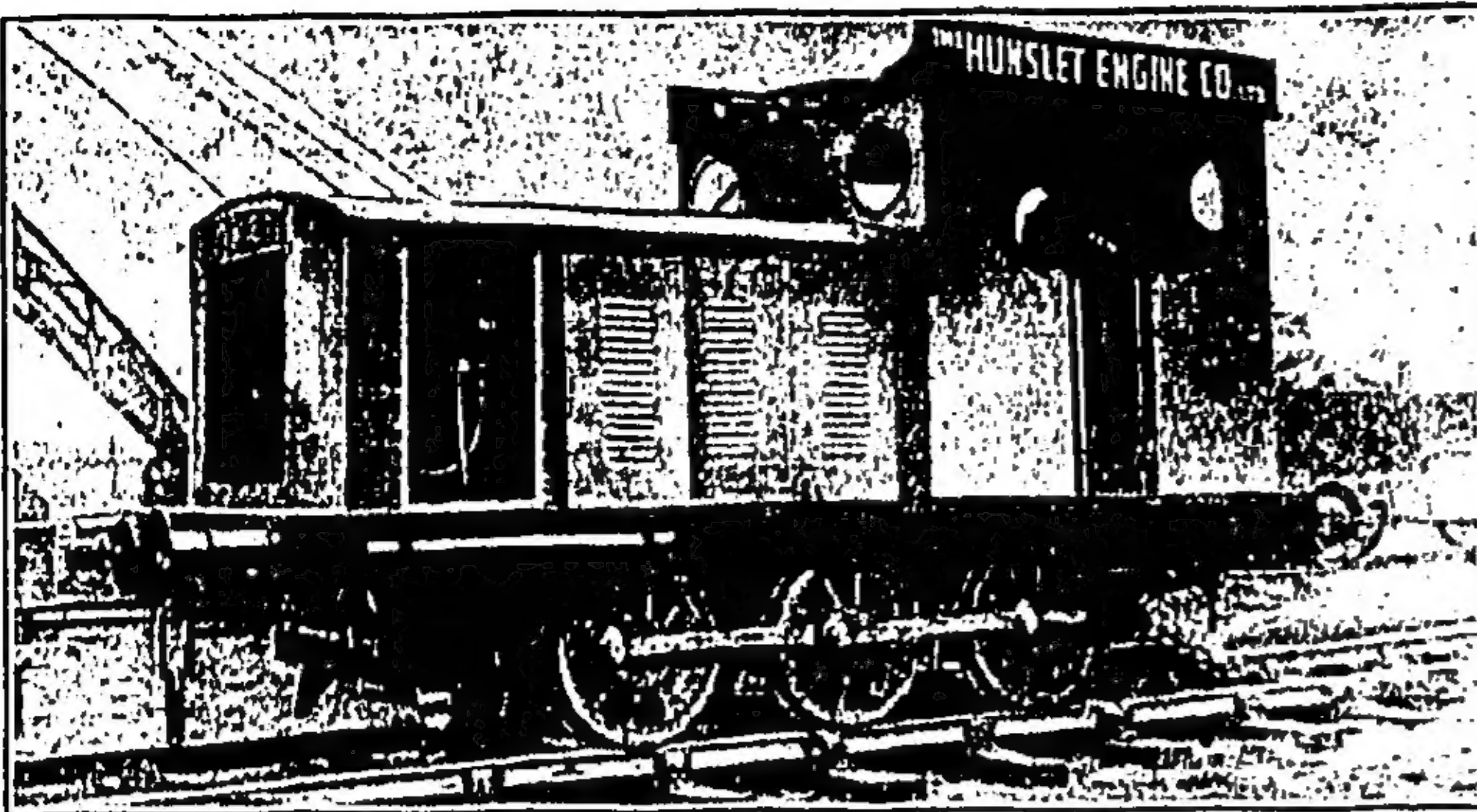


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The Hunslet Engine Co. Ltd. are the makers and very economical running costs are claimed for this new 150 H. P. Diesel Locomotive shown at the Castle Bromwich, Birmingham section.—(Times copyright).



The textiles section of the British Industries Fair was held at the White City and our picture shows some of the early visitors interested in a display of printed cotton fabrics.—(Times copyright).



Taking a jump in the Newbury Steeplechase. Several Grand National horses were running, and the race was won by Mr. J. Metcalf's Thersa, which is seen on the right. Mr. R. K. Mellon's Clangasia is shown leading at this jump.—(Times copyright).

THREE KINDS OF LOVE

by KAY CLEAVER STRAHAN

BEGIN HERE TODAY

Ann and Cecily Fenwick have for years supported themselves, their younger sister, Mary Frances, and their grandmothers, known as "Gran" and "Grand". Because of this financial responsibility, Ann, who is 28, is unable to marry Phil Fenwick, young lawyer to whom she has been engaged for eight years. Cecily, 22, loves Harry McKel, an engineer, but when he proposes she refuses, to marry their wedding date for the same reason.

Mary Frances, 15, and Cecily, in school, strikes up an acquaintance with Earl De Armont, a handsome actor, and meets him secretly. He tries to persuade her to become his stage partner.

Ann and Phil quarrel when she hears that King, who works in Phil's office building, has dressed him with underwear. Ann tries to forget Phil by going around with Kenneth Smith, rich and attractive. Cecily is shocked when she learns Harry has left town without telling her about it.

Mary Frances falls in an examination and meets the Armont. Again he tries to persuade her to become his stage partner.

CHAPTER XXXVII

"But, Earl," breathed Mary Frances, "you don't honestly and truly think that I—that we—

"Think! Say, I do better than think. I know—see? You've heard the crack, maybe, about opportunity knocking once on the door? Well, it's knocking right now, and it's knocking hard. Offering us fame and fortune on a silver platter. Will you take it? Now, you want to stick here and go to a lousy camp with a bunch of kid girls?"

"Why, Earl De Armont! I don't either."

"And just moulder away, burying your beauty under a bushel and, like you said, misunderstood and drab and all. Well, all I got to say is, snap out of it. Snap out of it—see? I got to be hearing it. I've waited around here more'n a month on your account. I'm eating into my capital. I can't stick around any longer—see? Snap out of it, Frankie. That's my last word."

"Well—demurred Mary Frances.

Earl repeated masterfully, "Snap out of it."

"I was just wondering," said Mary Frances, "what my family would do when they found out I'd gone."

"Do? Say, listen now, hon. Try and be sensible. In the first place, what can they do? Nothing—absolutely nothing. And from what you tell me I don't know as they'd even try to do much. And in the second place, if I start in to get you out of here and away from your family's interference and all, I'll do it—see? Now, listen, hon. After supper to-night you tell your

folks that you're going over to stay all night with your chum again—see? And then you put what you'll need in a suitcase and sneak out of the house, and I'll meet you well, say, down about Bromwich and Spruce—see? I'll talk around the garage and say I'm going to make Bluetooth to-night. Fact is, we'll go in exactly the opposite direction—see? Throw on off if they did start anything. But they won't. Not them. Now leave me—see? He took a road map from his pocket.

"I could write a note," mused Mary Frances.

"No, no. Nothing like that. Frankie. Absolutely not. That's out—see? Why I'll work it is so they won't even know you're gone till way long to-morrow—Wednesday, sometime, and we'll of left Mendel Springs early in the morning and have a long head start. I got to stop at Mendel Springs—kind of get myself in shape again. But after we leave there—we'll go. That bus of Butt's leave me tell you, is some goer. He had to have one that would go—see?—cause, well, that was the kind of one he wanted. Well, we'll make the Springs to-night—"

"Earl," faltered Mary Frances, "I wouldn't want to start to-night. Not Tuesday night."

Earl lighted his third cigarette.

"All right," he said. "I'm through—see? Wait till I get that damn Chink to give me the cheque. I'm through—see?" He made an ugly gesture with the flat palm of his hand and twisted his features queerly. "I should have known better. Aw, well—what's the diff? You're just like all dames. Yellow!"

"Why, Earl De Armont! I must say—"

"All right. Well, what have you been doing? Stringing me along. Playing me for a sucker. Keeping me hanging around here, eating into my capital. I got a heart, ain't I? I'm human, ain't I? I been talking business to-day—see? Practical—see? Why? Because I didn't want to work on your feelings nor anything. I wanted you to come into it with your eyes open and all—see? And I knew in the end you'd thank me for your dying day. Everything for your own good—see? Well, what's it get me? Nothing! What's a man's

prospects and hopes and future and even his heart and everything in your life? Nothing—"

"But, Earl, it is. They are. I—You didn't let me finish. You just turned on me and accused, bitterly. I was only going to say that it had been a childhood dream of mine to be married on Wednesday. I was going to say that—well, that I'd just as lief go to-morrow, Wednesday."

Earl softened. Earl melted. Earl said, "Sweetie! Honest, I'll have to ask you to excuse me—the way I talked just now. I should of known better. Oh, you—little sweetie! You mean you'll go, straight goods and no fooling, to-morrow?"

Mary Frances, her chin in her palm, sighed a long sigh and nodded. "As you say, there isn't so much for me to stay here for." "Little sweet baby! That's what you are. Little sweet baby. But, say, listen, hon—there's just one little thing maybe we'd better kind of get straight—see? I wouldn't want you to go into this with your eyes shut nor anything. About Wednesday—being married and all. I thought I kinda explained to you, baby, how I wasn't fix'd to—married right off—not for a few months."

"I know," said Mary Frances. "But, after all, beloved, we're eloping. Elopement and marriage really amount to just the same thing, I think. I'd much rather elope on Wednesday."

Earl puffed his cigarette, inhaled deeply, tipped back his head, poked out his lower lip, blew the smoke upwards and watched it float and waver and vanish into nothing.

"Wednesday," Mary Frances reminded him, "is the best day of all."

He rubbed his cigarette into the ash tray. "Frankie," he said, "if the day ever comes when I don't treat you right—square, see—straight, I hope I get rained. I mean it. I won't be the man I think I am, and I hope to get mine. Now, listen, baby. I'm crazy about you—see? And you're crazy about me. You won't back out the last minute, will you? Do you give me your promise that you'll meet me to-morrow and you and I will light out in the old bus?"

"I—I promise," said Mary Frances.

"You won't back out, baby? Honest, you won't back out?"

"I never have broken a promise in all my life," said Mary Frances, "and I hardly think that I'd start in breaking them now."

Cecily woke to Wednesday morn-

An amusing novelty at the British Industries Fair, a grandfather clock, adapted for hospitable purposes.—(Times copyright).



One of the last public appearances of the late M. Briand. Picture shows him taking leave of M. Laval at the Foreign Office.

ing and shuddered a little and felt hurriedly for her formula. "You are a coward," she said, and she actually spoke the words aloud. "And a fool. But for some reason you've chosen to live. No one is to blame for your continuing to live but yourself. You've chosen life. Well, then, Cecily Fenwick, you have to earn your living. Get up and do it!"

It was all she had, and it was a poor thing, but it was her own and it had stood her through Monday and Tuesday and if the Christmas goose will last for a week (sliced, cold, croquettes, and finally soup) no one expects it to last for a lifetime.

She reached under her bed, and found the green satin mules. She had put them away—not for her trousseau, of course; merely to keep—but she had taken them out again and was wearing them, resolutely, to rags.

In the bathroom she washed her face without looking at it, and brushed her teeth viciously as if she hated them. Taking one thing with another, of what earthly use were such objects as a face and teeth to her any longer?

Back in her room she looked out of the window. On her way through the upper hall again she struggled into the second sleeve of her but robe—the dingy blue one—and go, the cord tied around her waist; but the mules clod-clopped on the uncarpeted stairs, and came loose, and to keep them on at all she had to curl her bare toes firmly down into the padded satin.

Grand, who at first clod-clopped had napped at the front door with his head on the knob, waited until Cecily stood beside him and tried to take the door knob away from him before he said, "Cecily, my child, where are you going?"

Miss America IX, flashing over the line at Miami at over 111 miles an hour. The record has not been officially accepted.



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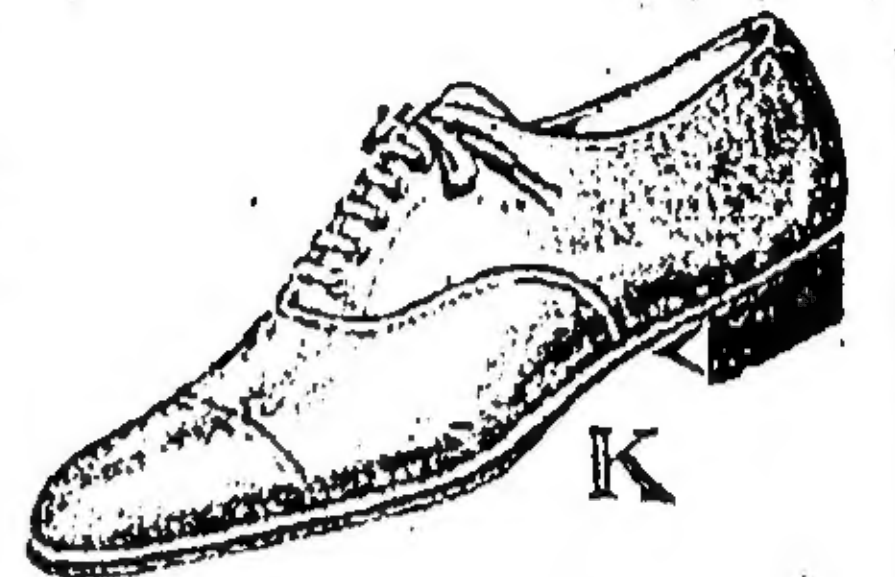


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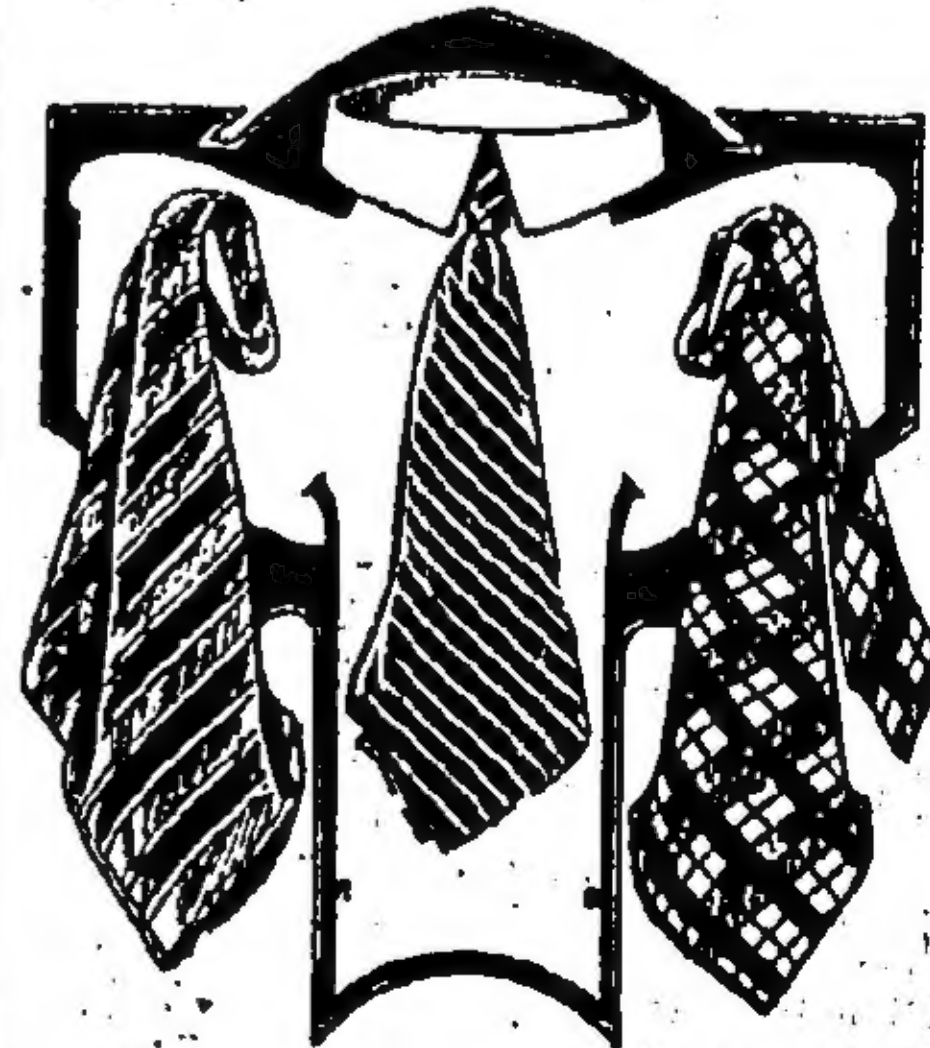
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MISCELLANEOUS

MISS VIOLET CAPELL will resume her Dancing Classes as from the 14th April. For particulars kindly apply No. 9, Torres Building, Kowloon, or phone 57117.

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BANK HOLIDAYS.

In Accordance with Government Ordinance, the Exchange Banks will be closed for the transaction of Public Business on Friday, Saturday and Monday, 25th, 26th, and 28th March, 1932. (Easter Holidays).
Hongkong, 22nd March, 1932.

A. S. WATSON & CO. LIMITED.

NOTICE.

ON FRIDAY, the 25th March, and EASTER MONDAY, the 28th March, All Departments will be CLOSED.

on these days.

The Hongkong Dispensary, Dispensing Department, will be open for dispensing prescriptions from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 6 p.m. to 7.30 p.m.

ON SATURDAY, the 26th March, all departments will be open as usual.
Hongkong, 23rd March, 1932.

THE HONGKONG & WHAMPOA DOCK CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of Shareholders will be held in the Office of the Company, 2 Queen's Building, Hongkong, on THURSDAY, 31st MARCH 1932, at 11 a.m. for consideration of the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1931.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 24th to the 31st March, 1932, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board of Directors,

R. M. DYER,

Chief Manager.

THE HONG KONG MEMORIAL NURSING HOME.

The public is advised that the Nursing Home is now open for the admission of patients.

Accommodation is provided for fifty-five persons, including twenty-six first-class and maternity wards.

The Nursing Home is furnished and equipped throughout on the most modern lines.

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Linstead & Davis,

Secretaries & Treasurers.

REMOVAL NOTICE.

We beg to notify the Public that we have removed from 14, Queen's Road, Central, to 18, D'Almeida Street.

WING HING CO.

TAILORS.

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HONGKONG AUTOMOBILE ASSOCIATION.

The Annual General Meeting of the members will be held in the Board Room of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co. Ltd. on Tuesday, the 29th of March, 1932, at 5.30 p.m.

By order

R. D. EVANS,

Hon. Secretary.

NOTICE.

S.S. "CITY OF PITTSBURGH"

Arrived 29th August, 1931.

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Three cases said to contain

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Steamship Co., Ltd.

Hongkong, 17th March, 1932.

UNION WATERBOAT CO. LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

The Twenty-Seventh Annual

General Meeting of Shareholders

will be held in the Office of

Messrs. Dodwell & Company,

Limited, on Wednesday, the 30th

March, 1932, at 3 p.m. for the

purpose of receiving the report of

the General Managers together with

a Statement of Accounts to 31st

December 1931. The transfer Books

of the Company will be closed

from the 23rd March to 30th

March 1932, both dates inclusive.

DODWELL & COMPANY LTD.

General Managers.

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the

43rd Ordinary Annual Meeting of

Shareholders will be held at the

Office of the Company, Exchange

Building, Des Voeux Road Central,

Victoria, Hongkong, on Thursday,

the 31st day of March, 1932, at

Noon, for the purpose of receiving

a Statement of Accounts and the

Report of the Directors for the

year ended 31st December, 1931.

The Transfer Books of the Com-

pany will be closed from Saturday,

12th March, 1932, to Thursday, 31st

March, 1932, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board of Directors,

ALLAN KEITH,

Secretary.

Hongkong, 1st March, 1932.

THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

The Sixty-third Ordinary

General Meeting of Shareholders

will be held at the Office of the

undersigned on Wednesday, the

30th March, 1932, at Noon, for the

purpose of receiving the Report of

the General Managers, together

with a statement of Accounts for

the year ended 31st December,

1931.

The Share Register and Transfer

Books will be closed from the

16th to the 30th March, 1932, both

days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LIMITED.

General Managers,

The Hongkong Fire Insurance

Company, Ltd.

Hongkong, 9th March, 1932.

THE MACAO JOCKEY CLUB.

PROGRAMMES and ENTRY

FORMS for the Second Extra Race

Meeting to be held in Macao on

Sunday, the 3rd April, 1932, may be

obtained at the Sports Club, Hong-

kong Jockey Club Stables, or at

the offices of Messrs. Percy Smith,

Seth and Fleming, 6, Des Voeux

Road, Central.

ENTRIES close at 5 p.m. on

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The first bell will be rung at 12 o'clock noon.

There will be an interval for Tiffin after the 2nd Race on both days.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Members are notified that they and their Ladies must wear their Badges prominently displayed. No One without a Badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure.

Badges admitting Non-Members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$5.00 for Gentlemen and \$3.00 for Ladies (Both including Tax) are obtainable through the SECRETARY upon introduction by a Member, such Member to be responsible for Payment of All Chits, &c.

Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will NOT be on sale at the Race Course.

On No Pretext will Children be permitted in either Enclosure during the Meeting.

Tiffins are obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered from the No. 1 Boy in advance. Telephone 21920.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

The Price of Admission to the Public Enclosure is \$2.00 (including Tax, for all Persons, including Ladies, and is payable at the Gate. Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform are admitted Half Price.

Bookmakers, Tie Men, &c., will not be permitted to operate within the Precincts of the Hongkong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

Tiffins will be obtainable in the Restaurant in the Public Enclosure.

By Order,

C. R. BROWN,

Secretary.

Hongkong, 21st March, 1932.

SOCIETY OF ST. GEORGE, HONG KONG.

Notice is hereby given that a Special General Meeting of the Society of St. George, Hongkong, will be held on Wednesday, the 30th day of March, 1932, immediately after the termination of the Annual General Meeting when the following Resolution will be proposed.

That the Rules of the Society be amended as follows:—By adding the following paragraph to the end of Rule 8:—The Committee shall have power to waive the payment of an entrance fee in the case of members of His Majesty's Forces and Civil Servants attached thereto who wish to join this Society.

By Order of the Committee,

Linstead & Davis,

Secretaries & Treasurers.

Hongkong, 21st March, 1932.

SOCIETY OF ST. GEORGE, HONG KONG.

The Annual General Meeting of the Society will be held in the Board Room of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on Wednesday, 30th March, 1932, at 5.30 p.m.

For the following purposes:—
(a) To receive the Report of the Committee and Statement of Accounts for the past year.

(b) To elect the Officers and Committee for the ensuing year.

(c) To consider the manner in which St. George's Day shall be celebrated.

(d) To transact any other business of which due notice has been given.

All Members are requested to attend.

Linstead & Davis,

Secretaries & Treasurers.

Hongkong, 21st March, 1932.

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THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the General Managers have (with the sanction of the Consulting Committee of this Company) obtained "at a Meeting of such Committee held here on the 14th day of March 1932, made a Call of \$50 per share in respect of the monies unpaid on the shares held by the Shareholders and that such Call should be paid on Wednesday, the 30th day of March, 1932, to the General Managers at the Offices of the Company.

That the General Managers have (with the like sanction of the Consulting Committee) determined to employ the sum of \$400,000 part of the Reserve Fund of the Company in paying a Special Dividend of \$50 per share on the shares of the Company held by the Shareholders and that such Special Dividend shall be payable on the 30th day of March, 1932.

Warrants for the Special Dividend can be obtained on application to the General Managers at the Offices of the Company.

Should any Shareholder fail to pay the amount of the said Call on the 30th day of March, 1932, the General Managers will on the 31st day of March, 1932, apply the amount of the above mentioned Special Dividend due to him in payment and satisfaction of the said Call.

After payment or satisfaction of the said Call in the manner above indicated a Memorandum showing the extent to which the shares are then paid up will be endorsed on all Certificates of Shares presented to the General Managers at the Offices of the Company.

The Transfer Books and Register of Members of the Company will be closed from the 16th day of March 1932, to the 30th day of March, 1932, both days inclusive.

Dated this 15th day of March,

1932.

JARDINE MATHESON & CO., LTD.

General Managers,

The Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Limited.

HONG KONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

A GENERAL MEETING OF MEMBERS will be held on TUESDAY, the 29th March, 1932, at 5 p.m. in the Offices of the Chamber of Commerce, Chartered Bank Building, to nominate a Member of the Chamber for appointment to the Legislative Council during the absence from the Colony of the Hon. Mr. C. Gordon Mackie.

Notice in writing of the Names of Candidates and their Proposers and Secondors to be lodged with the Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce at least 48 hours before the time appointed for holding the Meeting.

By Order,

M. F. KEY,

Secretary.

Hongkong, 21st March, 1932.

CHINA PROVIDENT LOAN & MORTGAGE CO., LTD.

NOTICE is hereby given that the THIRTY-FIFTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of Shareholders in the Company will be held in the Company's Board Room, 3rd Floor, Exchange Building, Hong Kong, on Thursday, 24th March, 1932, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ended 31st December, 1931, electing Directors and Auditors, and for the transaction of any other Ordinary business of the Company.

NOTICE is also hereby given that the TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be closed from Monday, 14th March, 1932, until Thursday, 24th March, 1932, both days inclusive, during which period no transfers of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board,

D. L. KING,

Secretary.

Hongkong, 5th March, 1932.

THE HONGKONG ROPE MANUFACTURING CO., LTD.

Notice is hereby given that the Forty-eighth Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders in the above Company will be held at St. George's Building, Chater Road, Victoria, Hongkong, on Wednesday, the 30th March, 1932, at 11.30 o'clock a.m. for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ended 31st December 1931, and to transact the ordinary business of the Company.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from Saturday, 19th March, 1932, until Wednesday, 30th March, 1932, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board of Directors, SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., General Managers.

Hongkong, 4th March, 1932.

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POST OFFICE NOTICE

EASTER HOLIDAYS.

On Good Friday, 25th March; Saturday, 26th March and Easter Monday, 28th March the General Office and Branch Post Offices will be closed as follows:—

Post Office	Friday, 25th March	Saturday, 26th March	Monday, 28th March
General Post Office	8 a.m. to 10 a.m.	8 a.m. to 10.30 a.m.	8 a.m. to noon
Kowloon Branch	8 a.m. to 9 a.m.	8 a.m. to 10 a.m.	8 a.m. to 11 a.m.
Kowloon Branch	8 a.m. to 9 a.m.	8 a.m. to 10 a.m.	8 a.m. to 9 a.m.
Shamshing Branch	8 a.m. to 9 a.m.	8 a.m. to 7 p.m.	6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

The other Branch Post Offices will be open daily from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. only.

There will be one collection from the pillar boxes and one delivery of ordinary correspondence each day as on Sundays, and one delivery of registered correspondence each day at 9 a.m.

The Money Order Office will be entirely closed during the holidays.

INWARD MAILS.

From	Per	Due
Europe via Suez (Letters and Papers)	London, 26th February	March 23.
Shanghai & Swatow	Rawalpindi	March 24.
Japan	Kyung	March 25.
U.S.A., Canada, Japan and Shanghai (Seattle, 5th March)	Atsuta Maru	March 26.
Japan and Shanghai	Pres. Madison	March 25.
Manila	Rajputana	March 26.
Saigon	Pres. Wilson	March 28.
	Georges Philippart	March 28.

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per	Date and Time
Amoy	Taiyuan	Wed., Mar. 23, 3.30 p.m.
Rahad	Bremerhaven	Wed., Mar. 23, 4 p.m.
Fort Bayard	Deli Maru	Thurs., Mar. 24, 8.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Rawalpindi	Thurs., Mar. 24, 10.30 a.m.
Shanghai and Japan and Europe via Siberia	Sunkong	Wed., Mar. 23, 5 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and South Africa, and South American Ports	Greiner	Thurs., Mar. 24, 10.30 a.m.
	Santos Maru	Thurs., Mar. 24, 10.30 a.m.
Amoy	Kingyuan	Thurs., Mar. 24, 3.30 p.m.

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CINEMA SCREENINGS.

NOTES SUPPLIED BY THE THEATRES.

Paramount's new production of "Huckleberry Finn," which will show at the King's Theatre to-morrow, recalls the Paramount silent picture of the same name, which was a Twain story more than eleven years ago.

In the silent version, the role of Huck, which Junior Durkin portrays in the new picture, was played by Lewis Sargent, and the part of Tom Sawyer, in which Jackie Coogan is cast, was characterized by Gordon Griffith.

It is interesting to note that the character of Sid Sawyer, played now by Jackie Searl, was not written into the 1920 film, "Huckleberry Finn," in talking form, gives youngster Searl another opportunity to match his performance in "Tom Sawyer" and "Sippy."

The part of Becky Thatcher, played by Mita Green, was in charge of the production of "Huckleberry Finn." Norman Taurog directed the talking production of "Huckleberry Finn." Taurog has been giving much of his attention lately to the production of pictures with juvenile players. He directed "Sippy" and "Forbidden Adventure." Nearly two hundred young players were given roles and parts in the talking production of "Huckleberry Finn."

Beautiful Madeleine.

One of the loveliest women on the stage and one of the luckiest, Madeleine Carroll has risen so suddenly from "school marm" to famous actress, that she sits down, sometimes, and wonders whether, indeed, the alarm clock will wake her up and bring her back to arithmetic books and French translation. She would like to believe that Madeleine Carroll is a beauty and a celebrity. But she can't quite believe it. At least she says so.

Madeleine is the envy of Elstree. Her name shines in huge lights above a West-End Theatre. Her face, that only two years ago was confined to the audience of a schoolroom, excites the readers of most magazines. It is said about Madeleine that women don't like her. Is there any compliment greater than that? In the film world, of course.

She plays the lead with Brian Aherne in British International's "The W. Plan," which is showing at the Queen's Theatre to-morrow. It is a war-time thriller which has been directed by Victor Saville. It is interesting that all three of them—Madeleine, Victor and Brian, hail from Birmingham. They become quite pink and patriotic when the city is mentioned. One doesn't know why that neither do they, probably.

"Hook, Line and Sink." The greatest "lost" ever assembled for a "straight" talking picture comedy will be seen at the Queen's Theatre on Sunday in Radio Pictures' hilarious laugh hit, "Hook, Line and Sink."

Seventeen players, headed by the side-splitting funsters, Bert Wheeler and Robert Woolsey, have definite, talking characterizations.

Included are Dorothy Lee, who has played opposite the comedians in all their screen successes; Jobyna Howland who was Woolsey's six-foot-two-inch sweetheart in "Dixiana"; Ralph Harolds, regarded as a leading portrayer of suave villainy because of his great work in "Framed," opposite Evelyn Brent; Bill Dauterive, stage and screen star; Natalie Moorhead, George Marlon, Hugh Herbert and Stanley Fields. All are featured players in their own right.

Comedy without chorus girls, music and song, while new on the screen for the comedians, is not new to them. Both scored their first great successes on the stage in "straight" comedy roles. Jobyna Howland, Natalie Moorhead, Hugh Herbert, Stanley Fields and Bill Davidson are seen in important roles.

"Tilly of Bloomsbury."

The reason for the postponed marriage of two prominent personalities in the film and stage worlds was recently made public during an interview with Mr. Richard Bird, the part of "Richard Mainwaring" in Sterling Film Co., Ltd.'s talkie production "Tilly of Bloomsbury" was to marry Miss Joyce Harbour, the well-known West End actress.

The production schedule for "Tilly of Bloomsbury" was so arranged that it was impossible to take place at that original time, and consequently was postponed for three weeks. Richard Bird, although a very young man, has already made five

LAMMERT'S AUCTIONS

PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction.

on THURSDAY, the 24th March, 1932, commencing at 10.30 a.m. at Mr. T. F. Claxton's Residence, Royal Observatory, Nathan Road, Kowloon. A Quantity of Valuable Household Furniture

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visits to America where he has played

lead in a number of big stage suc-

cesses. His most recent being the

part of "Captain Stenhouse" in

"Joan's End."

Soon after the marriage ceremony

which took place on a Saturday,

Richard Bird went straight on to

sequence in "Tilly" was shot, one

which kept him busy until the early

hours of the next morning.

All the original honeymoon ar-

rangements had to be cancelled,

pending the completion of the pro-

duction after which the bridal pair

spent a well earned rest on the

River.

"Tilly of Bloomsbury" is showing

to-day by request at the King's

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celebrities, visiting sacred and his-

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ordinary, and always finding it.

It would be difficult to say whether

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or more excitingly humorous, for with

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countries with which the record is

cramped. Not even an actual trip

around the world could equal this film

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bidden the less influential traveller.

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film are too numerous to enumerate.

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explanation from Doug most of it

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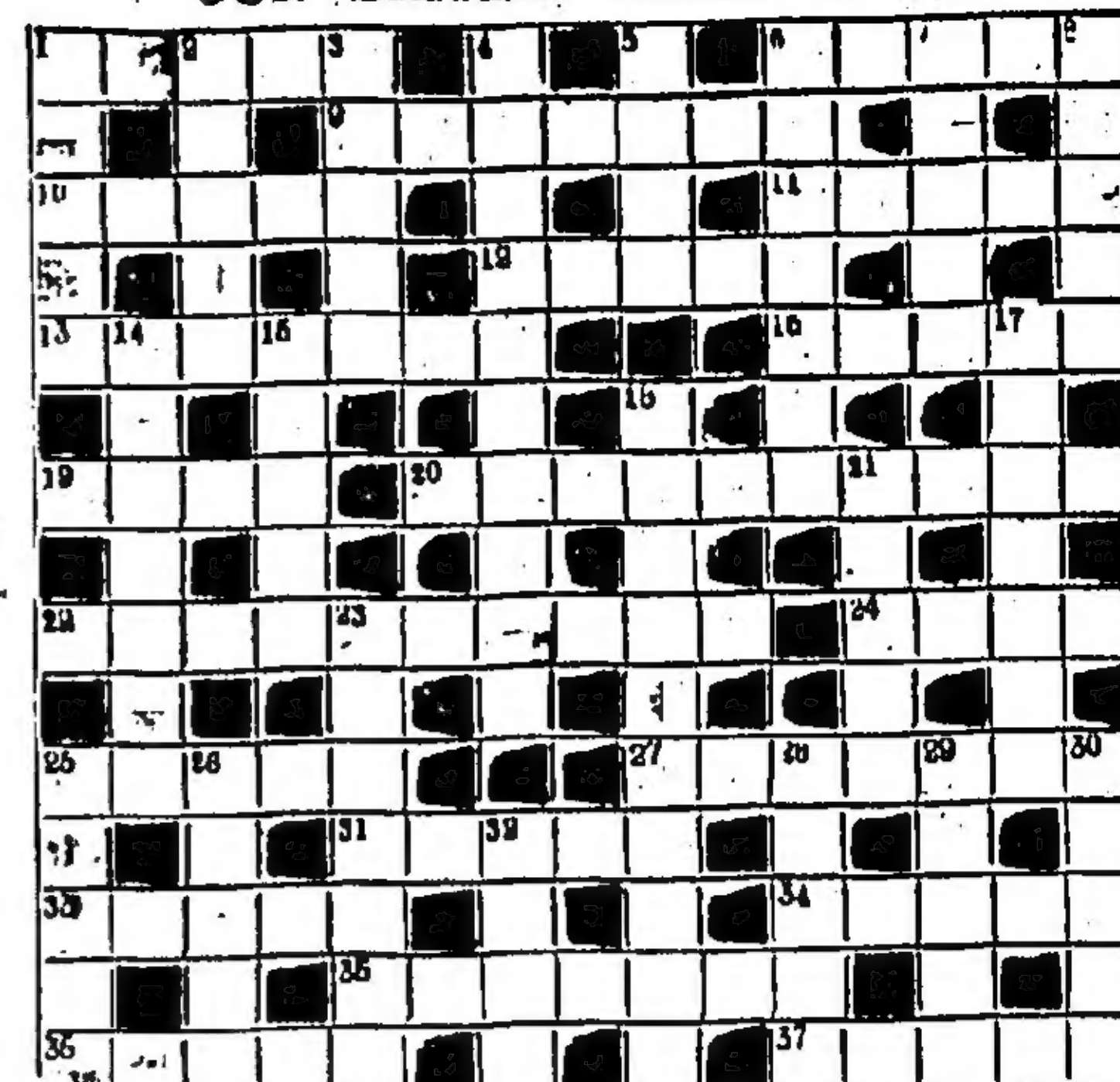
is a mixture of magic and reality

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Across

- 1 Under another name I am deep in the expression of grief.
- 2 There's something bitter in the condiment bottle.
- 3 Cruelly to dumb animals is suggested by this early Percy.
- 4 All the same, it certainly does not indicate hatred.
- 5 Summum words in aid and seek the country.
- 6 Unit of measurement.
- 7 This rat may be in want of a drink, poor creature.
- 8 She may be a vamp with an angry heart, sing she never so sweetly.
- 9 To pad this indicates peregrinary perambulations on Shanks' pony—speaking vulgarly.
- 10 There is something the reverse of secretive in such a disposition.
- 11 Inane.
- 12 Tunes which one should not retain for personal use.
- 13 Newspapers and other publications—not interested in spirit, though.
- 14 "Let this be duly performed; with a thought, that more—on it than we must yet deliver." ("Measure for Measure.")
- 15 Ruth's mother-in-law.
- 16 I room back again after having seen the old New Zealander.
- 17 Follow.
- 18 Devil-in-a-mist; Ella is after the spilt-gin.
- 19 Talk back in an irresponsible sort of way.
- 20 Irritable and a good deal of a trind.

Down

- 1 A Biblical river.
- 2 Describes whisky.
- 3 May describe nonsense or a precipice.
- 4 There's some talking going on at the end of the street, though

in a very halting fashion.

- 5 An 18th Century R.A.
- 6 I'm in a fine, red colour—blushing, you understand.
- 7 As it is apart.
- 8 This may bring you up to firing point.
- 9 Beat thoroughly.
- 10 Dig under this, and, though rather undignified, you'll get the right word easily.
- 11 Went in for this.
- 12 Spill Noddy (anag.).
- 13 Nearly all of it is what the winner will do this.
- 14 Allow your inclination to have its way here.
- 15 The sleepy god whom nothing pleases.
- 16 Falls down in little clodules.
- 17 Part of a flower may be seen in such a fold.
- 18 Face facts. There's no denying it.
- 19 What the small boy may be after a 12 of the cake no described.
- 20 Hilarious justification.

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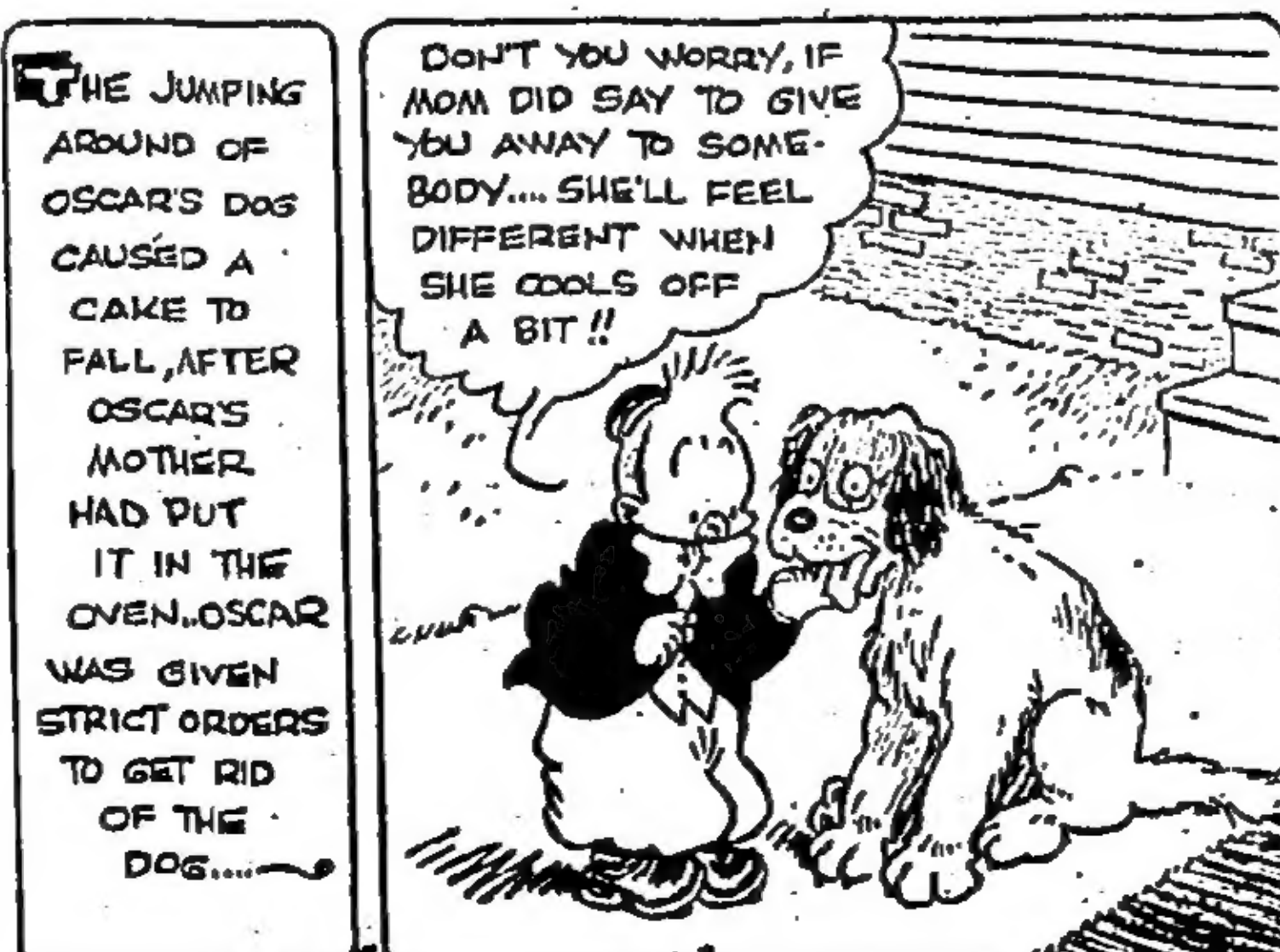
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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23, 1932.

TARIFFS AND TRADE.

One of the difficulties of the British Government in enforcing its new tariff policy will be to avoid the endangering of foreign trade. Mr. Runciman evidently had that point in view when, in a recent speech at the British Industries Fair, he remarked that, whilst hoping to extend Empire trade, the Government was, at the same time, anxious not to lose any opportunity of strengthening trade relations with foreign countries. He even went so far as to express his firm belief that greater freedom of intercourse between nations represents the only permanent solution of the world's commercial ills. The Free Trader will naturally retort that freedom of intercourse is not being helped by the erection of new tariff barriers.

A good deal has been made by defenders of Britain's change of fiscal policy of the point that the tariff will enable us to bargain with other countries, and, possibly, cause them to lower their barriers. It is of interest, however, to contrast this belief with the views recently expressed by Dr. D. M. Marvin, economist of the Royal Bank of Canada. Asserting that tariff barriers have hindered the free exchange of goods, and that recent increases in tariffs are more than likely to delay world recovery, he contends the view that Britain's new tariffs may cause some countries to see the folly of placing further restrictions on world trade and thus lead to a concerted movement towards lower tariffs. He openly declares that he has no great faith that this will be the outcome. It is true that this authority does not blame world depression on tariffs, as it is pointed out that trade was falling off rapidly before the latest epidemic of tariff increases set in. While the tariff barrier, a device to increase national production at the expense of other countries, hinders the balanced growth of international prosperity, there was no sufficient change in tariffs just prior to the downward turn in trade to account for the

drastic downward movement. Therefore tariffs, whilst having a distinct influence, have not been the primary cause of the continued depression.

On the general question of the existing trade situation, there are many who hold that the outstanding volume of credit is dependent upon the volume of business. But this would appear to betray a failure to grasp the relationship of credit and production to the price level. It is Dr. Marvin's contention that the volume of credit has fallen faster than the volume of production, and that it is this relationship which has produced falling prices; further, that prices will continue to fall until credit contraction has been halted. It is the gold countries where the most acute trouble now exists, since their price level is still falling. In the United States and France the trouble has been aggravated by unprecedented hoarding, which is the worst form of credit contraction. Until the gold countries can devise the means of raising their prices and creating manageable machinery which will ensure a greater measure of stability other countries should hesitate to re-adopt the gold standard.

Indeed, unless the gold countries are prepared to conform to certain conditions within a reasonable period of time, it is by no means beyond the bounds of possibility that a new system of money and exchange might be developed, based on a central unit intelligently managed and stabilized in relation to the numbers of the price level. Sterling is the logical basis of such a system. The traditional position of sterling as the world's medium of exchange, the position of London as the world's banking centre, her wealth of experience, her splendid banking system, at the centre of which the Bank of England operates without the stringent restrictions and inhibitions of the central banks of France and the United States, form a combination ideally designed for this purpose.

Disarmament.

A study of the work of the Disarmament Conference up to the present time is calculated to give satisfaction to every advocate of peace and to encourage a hope that a reduction of armaments, which will really count, will yet proceed from it. It is difficult to imagine such a conference held under more unhappy circumstances than have attended this one. Universal financial distress among nations of course, affect to its detriment any argument for disarmament, but the complication of war debts gives it a political character which might well prove provocative, with the tendency to encourage increasing rather than lessening armaments. And the outbreak of the quarrel between China and Japan, with the obvious purpose of Japan to follow its own programme without deference to world sentiment or League authority, might well be taken as an argument in favour of the maintenance of heavy armaments against the ambitions of a militaristic nation. Of course the latter argument would be fallacious, although attractive to people of military inclinations. Everything that is going on in the Far East is an argument for disarmament and a fuller control of military forces by central organisation than now exists, and seemingly the delegates to Geneva are refusing to permit themselves to be stampeded by the incidents in Manchuria and Shanghai. The addresses have been models of tactful and diplomatic approach to a great problem. No clash of any sort which might preclude harmonious determination of the issue has been permitted, and more than in any earlier conferences dealing with an international problem of difficulty and delicacy, the note of pessimism has been missing. It is hardly the thing to say that the conference may be a success. It is a success. If nothing more were accomplished than the discussions as they have thus far proceeded, the way would seem to have been paved for a more complete and satisfactory control of the armaments of the world by joint negotiations.

During the Easter Holidays, the Exchange Banks will be closed to the transaction of public business on Friday, Saturday, and Monday, March 25, 26 and 28.

DAY BY DAY

I FIGURE THE JEW AS THE ELDEST BORN OF TIME, TOUCHING THE CREATION AND REACHING FORWARD INTO THE FUTURE, THE TRUE ELIXIR OF THE UNIVERSE—THE WANDERING JEW WHO HAS BEEN EVERYWHERE, SEEN EVERYTHING, DONE EVERYTHING, LED EVERYTHING, THOUGHT EVERYTHING, AND—SUFFERED EVERYTHING.—Israel Zangwill.

The P. and O. s.s. Rajputana, from Shanghai, is due here at 6 a.m. on Friday.

The Chief Justice (Sir Joseph Kemp) is at present confined to his house with influenza, and in consequence the case concerning the dispute between brothers as to the assets of the Kai Sui firm, which is before the Court, has been adjourned until his Lordship recovers.

A farewell party to Mr. D. W. Morley, who sailed for Home on leave this morning, was given by the Hongkong University Engineering Society yesterday. Mr. Morley is a lecturer at the University, and several speeches of appreciation of his work and expressions of congratulations on his forthcoming marriage, were made by members of the Society.

We understand from the Managing Director of the Hongkong and Yau-mat Ferry Co. Limited that the Company is issuing 20,000 new \$10 shares to its registered shareholders for subscription at \$20 each. The holder of every two shares is entitled to apply for one new share, closing on the 30th April 1932 and ranking for dividend on the 1st May 1932.

SUGAR MARKET.

THE LATEST CABLED QUOTATIONS.

The following cable at the close of the sugar market yesterday has been received by Messrs. Pen-treath and Co.

London Terminals.
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New York Terminals.
March 1933 1.00 down 2 pts.
May 1932 .75 no change.
July 1932 .81 down 1 pt.
September 1932 .87 down 2 pts.
December 1932 .93 down 1 pt.

CORRESPONDENCE.

"Touch Typewriting."

[To the Editor, Hongkong Telegraph.]

Sir,—May I be enlightened, through the medium of your valuable paper, on the above subject? Of late the business market has been flooded with typists who have been taught to master the standard typewriter keyboard with their "Blind" system, using (A) (S) (D) (F) and (H) (J) (K) (L) as the "Home" keys for the left-hand and right-hand fingers respectively. Will any of your readers interested in the subject kindly point out to me the advantage of the above method which obviously deviates from the well-known "Touch" system adopted throughout the English-speaking world.—Yours, etc., "FINGERS-GO-WRONG."

ALADDIN CLOSING HIS CAVE.

By IAN COLVIN.

ALADDIN has closed his cave. The diamond mines of South Africa are shut down. Since diamonds are still counted the most precious things known to man it must seem an extraordinary paradox that they should no longer be thought worth the finding. What does it mean?

Does it mean that the day of diamonds is over, that they are going to be worthless? That would indeed be a calamity, since for generations the diamond has maintained its value with the constancy of gold. To the utilitarian it must seem almost worthless—useful only for cutting glass or drilling rock; but to those who have come under its spell, it is of all adorable things the most precious.

Even though it be transparent and colourless as a drop of dew, "a diamond of the purest water," its crystalline heart flashes resplendently with radiant fire. It dissolves the plain light of day into the romantic glories of the rainbow.

"It seems," as Sir John Hindeville observed, "to take pleasure in assuming in turn the colours proper to other gems." It is highly phosphorescent; it reflects, refracts, and disperses light with a brilliance that might be called divine. Yet so dazzling is it to man and woman that to win it (says Mr. Gardner Williams), "temples have been profaned, palaces looted, thrones torn to fragments, princes tortured, women strangled, guests poisoned by their hosts, and slaves disembowelled." The history of any famous diamond would make a scenario beyond the dreams of Hollywood.

It is besides of so eternal a charm, of so indestructible a nature that the stone which glittered in the ear of the Queen of Sheba may now redeem from mediocrity the wife of a Chicago millionaire. Artists in other materials—in canvas or marble or bronze—work for time, but that fine artist, the diamond-cutter of Amsterdam, for eternity.

It is so small that it can be carried on a finger, yet so precious as to represent a fortune; it is both beautiful and immortal; neither its value nor its lustre suffer diminution with age—for all the reasons it is beloved of women. And it has long been the custom of women, especially of such as lead adventurous lives—on the stage or elsewhere—to turn their earnings and their savings into diamonds, at once their stock-in-trade and a security against misfortune and old age.

If diamonds were no longer valuable it would be like the bankruptcy of a great insurance company—and would give many a fair lady more cause to shudder as she looked at her first faint wrinkles in the glass. Let us see, then, how the matter stands. As for the source of diamonds—mainly the diamond mines of South Africa—it may be called inexhaustible. The pipes in which they are found could be counted almost on the fingers of one hand; they are enormous and unfathomable shafts which go down through the surrounding shale and basalt, and are as it were packed and rammed full of a soft blue rock or hard blue-clay—the matrix of the diamonds.

How these pipes were formed and whence came this clay are mysteries beyond the science of the geologist. Some say their origin is plutonic; others say they were filled by aqueous agencies. It is an odd circumstance that fossil lizards, and branches of trees, of no very great geological antiquity have been buried some hundreds of feet deep in this solid matrix, and that "reefs" of shale have been found in the midst of the clay, as if they had been sucked down like a gigantic potato-peeling in the vent of a kitchen-sink until choked and held by the surrounding waste.

Did the vast lake which once covered those regions escape through these holes into subterranean chasms, measureless to man, carrying with it the sludge which became solid under heat and pressure from above and below? Were the diamonds crystallised from bubbles of hydrocarbon imprisoned in the mud? Such speculations tease an ignorant mind—like mine—out of thought; the expert offers no solution.

However, they came, the diamonds are there, so evenly distributed throughout the clay that they can be reckoned at so much to the load. Having walked, as Ezekiel, "in the midst of the stones of fire," I can bear witness to these enormous resources. Although the pipes narrow as they go down, the end is not in sight, and while some pipes are worked others are held in reserve. The mines certainly, are not closed down because they are exhausted.

Nor is De Beers, which owns this vast wealth, in any lack of capital; on the contrary it was never so strong in its resources. One of its several funds, "the reserve for the stabilisation of the diamond trade," is of 4½ millions, represented by investments which stand in its books at \$7,303,000. Nor is it merely in its reserves that De Beers is strong; it has control of every diamond mine—including its quondam rival the Premier, of the Transvaal, and has besides an interest in every source of supply; it is, moreover, half-owner of the Diamond Corporation (successor of the Diamond Syndicate), which controls the diamond market.

This is by no means the first crisis of the industry, and the recurring cause is not that De Beers cannot produce, but that the world cannot buy. In 1922 all mining and washing operations were suspended for many months. Then came a recovery in world trade followed by the depression which now reigns. At the beginning the market was flooded by Russian stones, the spoils of Communism or what was saved by the refugees and sold to support their unhappy exile. Then came the discovery of the Lichtenburg field in the Transvaal—a free digging of enormous wealth which rose to its peak in September, 1927, and afterwards declined.

Between 1926 and 1929 these fields produced diamonds to the value of nearly eleven million pounds. Against these discoveries the Syndicate bought and bought to keep the surplus off the market. Then came (early in 1927) the discovery by Dr. Merensky, on Crown land at the Orange River mouth, of a natural cache of diamonds. By 1929 that, too, was mostly garnered—a prize worth £12,500,000. Again the Syndicate bought; it bought to the extent of 28,000,000 and so held up the market.

Now these alluvial, where not exhausted, are fallen under control; the alluvial production is back at the old level of £2,000,000 a year. Supplies are both normal and regulated; but the world-depression upsets all calculations. The world can no longer buy.

Ladies are not receiving; they are selling their presents. Impoverished lovers say it not in diamonds, but in flowers. There is no longer a market for these most precious of stones. Hence this closing down. The trim little British South African town of Kimberley is put upon half-pay—snuggly under hatches, confident in its faith in the vanity of woman-kind. If civilisation survives, diamonds once more will come into their own.

THE WHEAT BILL.

COMMITTEE STAGE NOW COMPLETE.

London, Mar. 22.—The House of Commons last night completed the committee stage of the Wheat Bill. No important changes have been made in the original measure. During the debate the Minister for Agriculture refused an amendment limiting the operations of the Bill to five years. He stated that the whole situation would be reviewed after three years by a fully-informed body.—British Wireless.



"There now, that makes us square."

BRITAIN'S POLICY RE-STATEMENT.

(Continued from Page 1.)

monia which would be necessary before this part of the Far Eastern trouble was terminated, as far as the definite stopping of fighting was concerned.

He agreed that that was not the only thing to be considered. Still it was a definite and satisfactory piece of news.

We have done our utmost, the Foreign Secretary went on, with the invaluable assistance of our diplomatic consular naval and military representatives on the spot, to hold the scales fairly and to carry out the League's principles. We had earnestly tried and we had co-operated with other Powers in Shanghai.

No advantage would be gained by our taking up a special position of priority of action.

Referring to the question of the preservation of the Chinese Customs Administration in Manchuria, Sir John Simon said that the arrangement made for the transmission of the customs duties to be paid to the foreign loan service could equally, as far as he knew, be made from Manchuria. As far as he knew, nobody had attempted to dispossess the present authorities there.

SERIOUS NOTICE.

Certainly we should take, as other countries would, very grave and very serious notice of any suggestion that the Customs Service of China was going to be so dealt with as to prejudicially interfere with the undoubted rights which foreign interests had over that part of the Customs which was charged with the payment of loan interest etc.

Referring to the suggestion that the new State in Manchuria had been established by Japan, he said that no-one was entitled to say that as an accepted fact, except on the principle that one was entitled to pass judgment without enquiry and in the face of denial.

Sir John Simon pointed out that the Japanese Government had declared that it was no more likely to recognise the new Administration than other countries.

Japan did not admit that it was an administration which she had set up.

NEW STATE'S POSITION.

He would not say anything on the matter, one way or another. It would not do to accept as gospel information which was prejudicial to one side and refuse to wait for an enquiry. They must await the report of the League Commission.

The new Administration was not one which he should think any country was likely to recognise or to recognise for anybody recognised a government established in such circumstances without the fullest enquiry into the circumstances and without being satisfied that it was a responsible government which could really administer its territory and enter into relations with foreign Powers and was also a genuine expression of the decision of the inhabitants.

LEAGUE'S WORK.

Summing up the achievements of the League, Sir John Simon claimed that the proceedings at Geneva in the past few months had shown that members were loyally and effectively supporting the principle of the League and the duty of every Foreign Secretary so to conduct matters as not to involve his country in a situation which would only aggravate matters.

This had been carried out splendidly. The differences in viewpoint of the smaller and greater States had been reconciled and lastly the support of the United States had been secured.

There was a great deal still to be done, but what had been done showed that the League was the best guarantee for the peace of the world.

Patience and time for conciliation would be necessary, but this was a case where the League was most likely to be useful as a mediating force.

Constant reference to the stick you are supposed to have in your pocket was not the best way to secure compliance with your advice or to exert influence as a great world organisation.

It was a mistake to assume that the League necessarily gained effective strength in such a case by constant reference to the weapon of sanctions. The strength of the League was founded on its position as the exponent and interpreter of world opinion—one of the most terrific forces in nature.

FUND OF STRENGTH.

The League had gathered an immense fund of authority and strength in this connexion. Those in close touch with proceedings at Geneva during the last few months must be conscious that the existence of the League's power of a coercive character did not

necessarily add, in every instance, to its effective strength as a mediating force. Some States might have to join wholeheartedly in a declaration of a principle for fear of the ultimate liabilities that might come on them in taking action. Other States might be less inclined to accept the guidance of the League because they resented the suggestion of such intervention.

The truth was that when world opinion was sufficiently strong and unanimous to pronounce a firm moral code, sanctions would not be needed. While, therefore, Britain would stand firmly by its obligations under every Article of the Covenant, he would suggest to those who had studied this subject that they should keep the coercive and mediating functions of the League distinct.

STRONG LINE.

It was because the League Assembly resolution of March 11th had affirmed that it was against the spirit of the Covenant that a settlement of the Sino-Japanese dispute should be sought under the stress of military pressure that he was glad to see there had been a considerable withdrawal of Japanese forces from Shanghai.

Although sometimes it had to work slowly and sometimes disappointed its best friends, the League had shown itself in the present situation an invaluable influence on the side of peace.

He denied that there had been any weakness in the League's pronouncements. The Assembly resolution contained very strong expressions standing by every principle of the League.

Moreover, reference to the Pact of Paris was deliberately made by the Assembly and it was this which brought them an assurance of the support of the United States.

The debate was then interrupted by private business.

DEBATE WOUND UP.

Later in the evening, the discussion was resumed, and Captain Anthony Eden wound up for the Government.

He noted an unexpectedly large measure of support for the Government's policy, apart from the criticism that the Government might have developed a little more vigour.

But those who advocated a "forward policy" overlooked the fact that had we indulged in such eagerness, we might have found ourselves acting alone.

As regard Manchuria, Captain Eden said that the Government was carefully watching British interests there.

This, he went on, was a thirty-year-old controversy and the more the Government had the opportunity to study it, the more fearful they were to venture hastily.

At present, the Government would be well advised to await the conclusions of the Commission headed by the Earl of Lytton.

HAPPIER RELATIONS.

In conclusion, he was glad to note a definite improvement in British relations with China in the past five years, due to Sir Auston Chamberlain's policy, a combination of firmness in defence of well-established British and other foreign interests and sympathy for just Chinese aspirations. That policy would continue.—*Reuter.*

LATE M. HAARDT.

BODY BEING SENT TO FRANCE.

In accordance with the wishes expressed by the family of the late Monsieur G.M. Haardt, leader of the Central Asian Expedition, the burial will take place in Paris, no ceremonies being held here.

Accompanied by the three members of the expedition at present in Hongkong, the coffin will be embarked on the French liner sailing from this port on the 29th inst. The other members of the party which have already arrived in Indo-China, will go aboard at Saigon in order to escort the body of their leader to France.

Residents of the Colony who desire to express their sympathy with M. Haardt's family and his friends are asked to kindly write their names at the French Consul General's office in a book provided for this purpose.

Among the many cables of condolence received from leading personalities the world over was the President of the Council, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, who have expressed the deep sympathy of the French Government "which associates wholeheartedly with the expedition in its grief at the loss of their chief."

HONG KONG'S ROAD EXPERT.

MR. H.E. GOLDSMITH TO RETIRE SOON.

FEATURES OF HIS SERVICE IN THE COLONY.

ACTIVE CAREER.

The Colony will be losing two of its most popular residents, and the Government service one of its best-known officers, when Mr. and Mrs. H.E. Goldsmith leave for Home on retirement early in May. Mr. Goldsmith, who has resided for thirty years here, will leave behind him a lasting memory of his service in the magnificent roads of the Colony, on which he has especially concentrated during his lengthy service, while Mrs. Goldsmith will be greatly missed in the work of the Benevolent Society, of which she has been Hon. Treasurer for many years. Both will take with them the very best wishes of a large circle of friends for a long and happy retirement in the Old Country.

It is interesting to note that, counting his service with the Imperial and Hongkong Governments, Mr. Goldsmith has completed 34 years' continuous labour in official life. Of these, nine years have been with the Imperial Government and 25 years with the Hongkong Government.

Trained as an architect and surveyor, he was, before coming East, engaged on many important works in England, including the Roman Catholic Cathedral at Westminster, Truro Cathedral, the East Sussex Asylum, and the Episcopal Palace at Bristol. In 1898, he joined the civilian staff of the Royal Engineers, being posted to the War Office, where he worked on plans for the Boxer Road Hospital, Hongkong, the Salisbury Plain barracks scheme, and a number of fortification projects.

Early Work Here.

Early in 1902, Mr. Goldsmith was transferred to the civilian staff of the Royal Engineers in Hongkong, and was engaged, amongst other duties, on the following works:—Construction of Bowen Road Hospital, Harlech and Hutton Roads, Gun Club Hill and Whitefield Barracks, and North Point, Pottinger and Devil's Peak fortifications.

It was in 1907 that Mr. Goldsmith first joined the Hongkong Government service as Assistant Engineer in the Public Works Department, being appointed to the Roads Sub-Department. By conscientious application to his work and by his marked technical abilities, he won steady promotion, being appointed Second Grade Executive Engineer in 1918, First Grade Executive Engineer in 1920, and Assistant Director of Public Works in 1928, a post which he has since held.

During his service with the Government, Mr. Goldsmith has been in charge of the following sub-departments:—Roads, Praya Walls and Piers, Quarries and Transport; Telephones and Electrical; Drainage, and the Cape D'Aguilar Wireless Station. He inaugurated and organised the P.W.D. transport service and roads departmental gangs; and, with Mr. Perkins, former Director, the Electrical Sub-Department and Government Quarries.

Road Improvement.

Almost from his first association with the Government, Mr. Goldsmith concentrated on improving the condition of the Colony's highways, which, at the time of his appointment, were surfaced with ordinary dry macadam, resulting in a mass of loose metalling after heavy rainfalls. He carried out numerous experiments, but it was not until 1913 that satisfactory results were obtained from a mixture producing maximum durability, the durability of which is illustrated in the present-day roads of the Colony, which are invariably the subject of high praise by visitors. It is interesting to note that some of this mixture laid down 19 years ago is as good to-day as when first put down—and at practically no cost for maintenance, its life being estimated to be at least 40 years.

The results of Mr. Goldsmith's research work have been embodied in numerous text books, and it is noteworthy that the mixture employed in road-making in Hongkong is being used throughout the world, even in many remote corners of the globe. Although this reflects a personal triumph on Mr. Goldsmith, it is also a great credit to the Public Works Department, which has undertaken the work with so much success.

Mr. Goldsmith is himself the author of several works on road-making, these including "Notes on Ancient and Modern Road Construction," "Road Construction and Maintenance in the Tropics," "Hongkong Roads. Past, Present and Future," "Modern Road Construction and Maintenance" (two editions), and "Practical Road Engineering." These works have won much praise and have made for their author a reputation not only as a thoroughly practical

OPIUM HIDDEN IN CLOGS.

INGENIOUS TRICK DISCOVERED.

Waterfront searchers yesterday arrested a Chinese emigrant on his way to the Ocean Islands, consequent on the discovery of contraband opium in his possession. The stuff was secreted in one of a pair of wooden clogs. The man had secreted some seven taels of Chinese opium in the hollow interior of one heel, while into the other he had poured a corresponding quantity of cement, with the obvious object of introducing equal weight, and thereby of averting detection.

The ingenious smuggler was charged by Revenue Officer Ward before Mr. Schofield at the Central Police Court this morning, and was fined \$500, or, in default, four months' hard labour.

Some Big Schemes.

Turning to Mr. Goldsmith's work in the Colony, it has to be placed on record that he has been responsible for constructing approximately 130 miles of new roads, as well as the improving and widening of many of the existing thoroughfares to take present-day fast-moving traffic. He prepared a scheme, estimated to cost four million dollars, for strengthening the main roads of Kowloon. After the removal of Shamshuipo village the construction of the new roads over this area fell within his work when in charge of the Colony's highways, as also did the lay-out of the whole of King's Park for recreation purposes.

Amongst other schemes which Mr. Goldsmith has prepared is one, estimated to cost four million dollars, for driving a main 60-foot road, with a double tram track, through the heart of the city, commencing at Battery Road and terminating at Conduit Road; and another, submitted to the Canton Government and estimated to cost double that sum, for a main trunk highway connecting Canton with Hongkong.

Road Widening.

Of the many road-widening schemes designed by Mr. Goldsmith, the following are not yet completed:—Kennedy Road (two-thirds completed), which will relieve the traffic through Queen's Road East; Magazine Gap Road to Magazine Gap, which, when completed, will shorten the distance to the Peak by three miles; and Victoria Road, on which the section from Season Road to the junction of Pokfulam Road has been completed. Should the area at Little Hongkong be laid out for recreation purposes, this will ultimately be the main thoroughfare to give access to the district.

In 1924, Mr. Goldsmith was attached to the Crown Agents' office in London for three months, in connexion with Hongkong technical matters, while in the same year he was, at the request of the Government, in Macao, seconded to them for the purpose of instructing P.W.D. engineers there in the method of preparing and laying road mixture.

On two occasions, Mr. Goldsmith has received the thanks of the Hongkong Government for his services, and on one occasion he was the recipient of an expression of appreciation from the Secretary of State.

In private life, Mr. Goldsmith is extremely well-known and popular. In his early days here, he played regularly for the Kowloon Cricket Club, of which he is a founder and past Vice-President. He has also been a keen supporter of local football, both rugby and soccer, whilst he was for many years a member of the Volunteer Defence Corps, resigning therefrom after the Great War. He is also a Vice-President of the Hongkong Philharmonic Society.

Mrs. Goldsmith's Activities.

Mrs. Goldsmith, who has won a large circle of friends by her charming personality and unassuming manner, was for many years closely associated with the Cathedral choir and the Hongkong Philharmonic Society. She often took leading solos and will be long remembered by older residents as one of the best contraltos to appear on local concert programmes. She has also taken a very active interest in the Benevolent Society, of which she has been Hon. Treasurer for many years, and is a member of the Council of the Helena May Institute. As a member of the St. John Ambulance Association during the war, she served as a V.A.D. at the Government Civil Hospital.

When Mrs. Goldsmith departed early in May, they will leave a big gap in the social and official life of Hongkong and will carry with them the knowledge that, although severing a lengthy association with the Colony, they will long be remembered by those whom they have behind.

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7.00 p.m. Mail Notice, etc. 7.03-9.00 p.m. Programme of Columbia Records kindly supplied by Messrs. Anderson Music Co.

7.03-7.18 p.m. Orchestral. Three Dances from Henry VIII (German).

Sir Dan Godfrey conducting the Bournemouth Municipal Orch. 5577. Chanson Bohemienne (Baldi and Nussbaum).

The Clock in Playing (Blauw). Jean Lensen and His Orch. 4741.

7.18-7.38 p.m. Organ Solos. Cinderella Waltz (Pattman). Alice Where Art Thou? (Pattman). DB104.

In a Persian Market (Ketelbey). In a Chinese Temple Garden (Ketelbey).

Quentin M. Maclean. 4021. Etretilla (Ponce). La Golondrina (Mexican Air). Emil Velasco. DB85.

7.38-8.00 p.m. Sea Chanties. Away for Rio (Carey). Shenandoah (Carey).

Arthur Jordan (Tenor). 3560. (a) Blow, My Bully Boys, Blow (b) Billy Boy (arr. Terry).

Jalan Shelling Song. Greenock Male Voice Choir. 4523. (a) Tom's Grog to Hilo (b) What Shall We Do with the Drunken Sailor (arr. Terry).

(c) Blow the Man Down (b) The Merchant Ship (arr. Terry and Shaw). The League of Arts Choir. 4509.

8.00 p.m. Local Time and Weather Report. 8.05-8.42 p.m. Operatic.

Orchestral-La Tosca (Puccini). Prelude Act 3. Milan Symphony Orchestra. 5594.

Chorus-La Gioconda (Ponchielli). Festa e Pace.

Chorus-Madama Butterfly (Puccini). Humming Butterflies.

La Scala Chorus of Milan. 4801. Pianoforte Solo-Rosenkavalier (R. Strauss arr. Grainger). Fantasy on Love Themes.

Percy Grainger. DB28. Chorus-Lombardi (Verdi)-O Signore Che Dal Tetto Natio.

Chorus-Carmen (Bizet)-Chorus of Cigarette Girls. La Scala Chorus of Milan. 4800.

Orchestral-The Barber of Seville. Overture (Rossini). Percy Pitt conducting the B. B. C. Wireless Symphony Orch. 9160.

Organ Solo-Fredrick-O Maiden, My Maiden (Lohr). Quentin Maclean. DB277.

8.42-9.00 p.m. Wembley Military Tattoo played by the Reg. Band of H. M. Grenadier Guards conducted by Capt. George Miller. 9078-9074.

9.00-10.30 p.m. European Concert from the Studio. Programme.

1. Pianoforte Solo. Medley of Foxtrots and Waltzes. Miss Doreen Ma.

2. Songs. (a) Lover Come Back To Me. Miss Pamela Bell (Soprano). Accompanied by Mr. G. W. True.

3. Humorous Monologue. The Girl On The Ferry. Mr. S. A. Sweet.

4. Songs. (a) Love. (b) Kiss Me Goodnight. Miss Joan Bell (Contralto). Accompanied by Mr. G. W. True.

5. Violin Solos. Mr. Harold Leong Accompanied by Miss Doreen Ma.

6. Songs. (a) Who Do You Love (From "The Love of Mike"). Miss Pamela Bell (Soprano). Accompanied by Mr. G. W. True.

7. Pianoforte Solo. Medley of Fox Trots and Waltzes. Miss Doreen Ma.

8. Songs. (a) It Happened in Monterey. (b) Old New England Moon. Miss Joan Bell (Contralto). Accompanied by Mr. G. W. True.

9. Violin Solos. Selected. Mr. Harold Leong Accompanied by Miss Doreen Ma.

10. Humorous Monologue. "To Serenade Kowloon." Mr. S. A. Sweet.

11. Vocal Duets. (a) "Springtime in the Rockies." (b) "Till We Meet Again." The Misses Pamela and Joan Bell. Accompanied by Mr. G. W. True.

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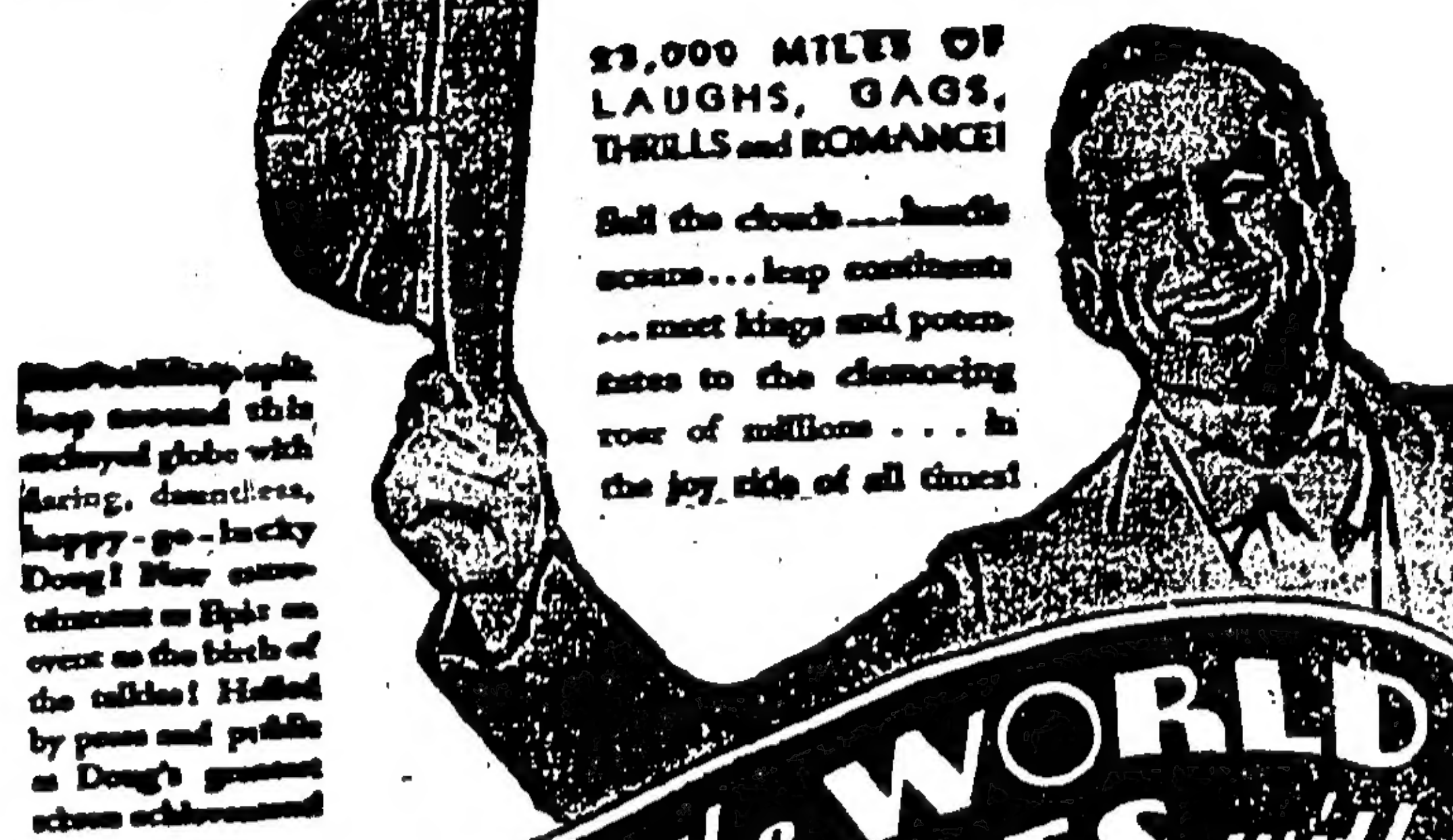
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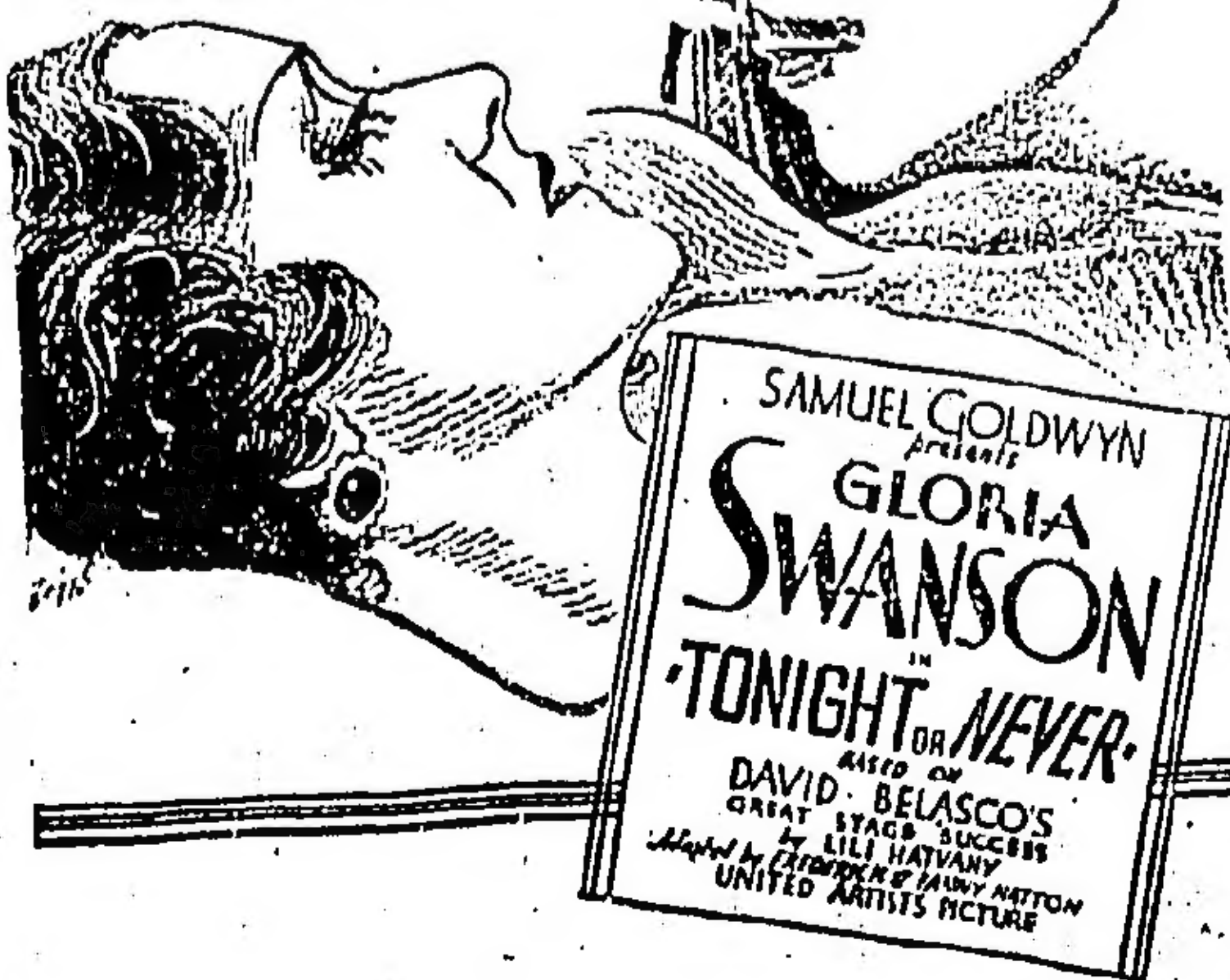
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WIN FOR M. W. LO.

QUALIFIES FOR SEMI-FINAL YESTERDAY.

By beating J. W. Leonard in the Open Championship Singles yesterday, M. W. Lo qualified for the semi-final, where he will probably meet S. A. Ramjahn to contest the right of appearing in the final next month.

Yesterday's match was not an easy affair for the ex-champion, who had to go all out to secure the verdict. Leonard is showing improvement in his play and will be a most difficult man to beat in future tournaments. He won the first set by superior play but lost the next two, obtaining four games in the second and three in the third.

Ng Sze-cheong will meet H. Honda, having beaten W. C. Hung in straight sets. The winner of the next bout will appear in the semi-final. Hung was no match for his more experienced opponent and only won five games.

Ho Ka-lau eliminated A. L. Sullivan, the sole representative of the Hongkong Cricket Club to have survived the earlier rounds. The Chinese C. C. player will meet E. C. Fincher in the fifth round.

Full results of yesterday's matches appear below:

Open Singles.
M. W. Lo beat J. W. Leonard 4-0, 6-3, 6-3.
Ho Ka-lau beat A. L. Sullivan 6-4, 6-3.
Ng Sze-cheong beat W. C. Hung 6-1, 6-4.
Handicap Singles "A."
G. W. Sewell beat L. M. S. Lloyd 6-2, 6-2.
A. C. I. Bowker beat R. M. Henderson w.o.

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME.

Open Doubles.
T. Honda and T. Akiyama v. Ho Ka-lau and Yew Man-kit (stand court).
H. A. Barros and F. J. Remedios v. A. J. da Silva and E. de Sousa.
A. V. Remedios and L. A. Ribeiro v. Lee Wai-tong and Luk Ding-cheung.
Handicap Singles "A."
S. E. Green v. C. F. Hyde.
E. T. E. Nash v. Dr. D. J. Valentine.
Handicap Singles "B."
R. R. Todd v. F. G. Nigel.
J. J. Ferguson v. D. F. C. Cleland.
A. H. Penn v. G. W. Stubb.
Handicap Doubles.
F. A. Redmond and L. Forster v. D. M. Macdougall and G. W. A. Tufton.

LOCAL SOCCER.

SHIELD FINALS ON SATURDAY.

There is an attractive soccer programme for Saturday, when the Senior and Junior Shield finals will take place, as well as a First Division game. The fixtures are as follows:

Junior Shield Final.
A.P.S. or R.A.F. v. 12th Battery, Club ground, Referee, S.H.P.O. Holt. Linesman, Lawrence & Lait. Kick-off 2.15 p.m. sharp. Extra time if necessary.
Senior Shield Final.
S.W.B. v. H.K. Club, Club ground, Referee, G. Caswell. Linesman, P.O. Kirby and Cpl. F. V. Holland. Kick-off 4.15 p.m. sharp. Extra time if necessary.
1st Division.
St. Joseph's v. Navy, Navy ground, Referee, J. W. Baldwin. Kick-off 4.30 p.m. sharp.

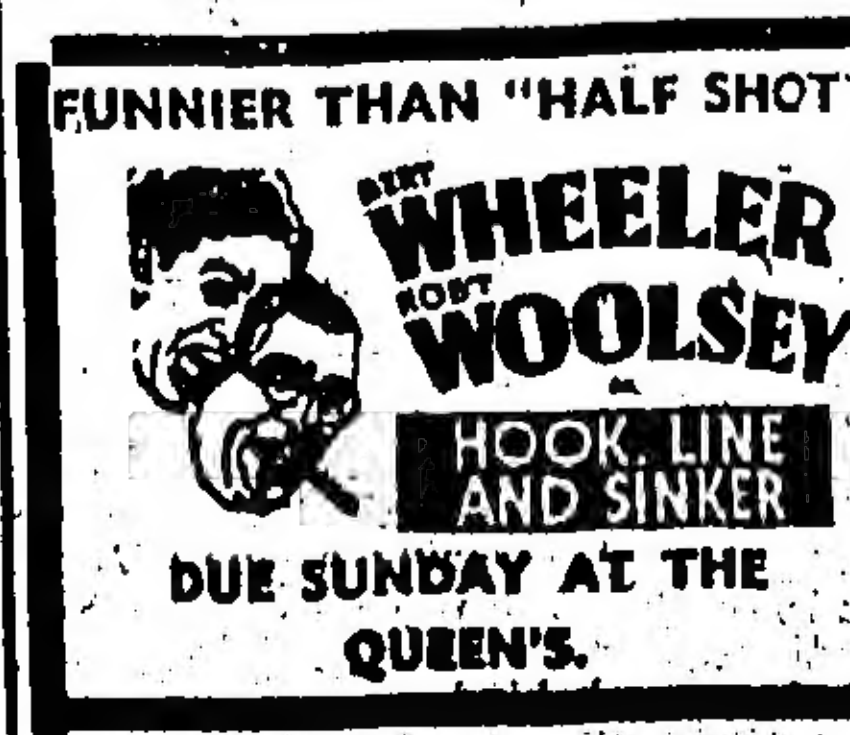
S. AFRICAN MONEY.

NEW UNIT TO BE KNOWN AS FLORIN.

Capetown, Mar. 22.
The new South African currency unit will be the florin, equal to 11,30010 grains of gold, according to a bill issued to-day.

The florin is subdivided into 100 cents. The ten florin gold piece will be called a "rand." There will be silver coins of two and one florins, and fifty, twenty, and ten cents; and bronze coins of four and two cents and one cent.—Reuter.

The Bogey Pool at Fanling on March 19 and 20 was won by I. H. C. Highest (all square). There were 29 entries.



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MR. T. F. CLAXTON LEAVES THIS WEEK.

When the forthcoming summer brings its usual crop of typhoons, their progress will no longer be watched by the keen eye of Mr. T. F. Claxton, Director of the Royal Observatory, for after more than 20 years spent in recording and forecasting the vagaries of Hongkong's weather, he is to leave by the P. and O. liner Rajputana on Saturday, on retirement. He is leaving the Colony with many regrets, and it is only on medical advice that he is retiring. During the week, Mr. Claxton was honoured with a handsome address from the members of the staff of the Observatory.

Mr. Claxton has lived a lifetime in an atmosphere of isobars, weather maps and Beaufort scales. As a youth he joined the world-famous observatory at Greenwich and six years later went to Mauritius as Assistant Director of the Royal Alfred Observatory. Later he became Director and in addition was Secretary of the Meteorological Society, a member of the Board of Directors and Secretary of the Mauritius Institute and Museum and a member of the committee of Primary Education.

Knows His Typhoons.

His experience of years on the island prepared him well for Hongkong, for Mauritius is another of the world's spots where the community look to the meteorologist to warn them of the impending typhoon, or hurricane, as they are called there. The greater portion of Mr. Claxton's meteorological years, therefore, have been spent under the harassing strain of keeping a watch on typhoons, and he will say that it is no easy job in Mauritius, where he had reports from only two stations on which to base his forecasts.

Appointed Director designate to the Hongkong Observatory in 1911, Mr. Claxton arrived in the Colony on May 21 that year, and took over from Mr. F. G. Figg. He was appointed Director in 1912 and in that capacity attended many meteorological conferences in the Far East and abroad. The last one at which he was present was as President of the Conference of Directors of Far Eastern Weather Services, held in Hongkong in 1930, when the local typhoon signals were altered to include more symbols in order to meet the needs of the Philippines.

He was present at the Meteorological Conference at Tokyo in 1913, went on a mission to other observatories in the Far East in 1921 and again in 1924 and in 1929 attended the Conference of Empire Meteorologists in London and the International Conference of Directors of Weather Services in Copenhagen.

In addition Mr. Claxton acted as cable censor during the closing years of the war.

Interested in Earthquakes.

During his service in Hongkong, Mr. Claxton has seen the work of the Observatory and the extent of its reports grow considerably. On his recommendation, seismology was added to its department after the 1918 earthquake and the magnetic work has been considerably extended and the time service improved. Mr. Claxton is a great advocate of seismology not only for its local interest, but also for co-operating in international investigation.

During the past years the advent of wireless telegraphy has aided Mr. Claxton's work in plotting the positions of the various weather systems. When he first took over there were no reports from the North, weather over Korea was an unknown quantity and all the Yangtze district was doubtful. Wireless brought a daily synopsis from the Director of the Sincow Observatory and from even further afield than that. But mistakes still occur to make, the much maligned job of weather forecasting no easier, Mr. Claxton declares. Sometimes the mistakes can be detected; on other occasions, they cannot, and the results may be disastrous.

Value of Pratas.

Wireless has so much aided Mr. Claxton's work that with time signals popping out of the ether at every hour of the day, the time

Baby's Teething Troubles

The distressing pains which baby suffers whilst cutting teeth are due, more than anything, to the derangement of stomach and bowels which accompany the process. In the past, sleepless and distraught parents have been compelled to resort to various so-called soothing medicines, most of which contained opiate, narcotic or other harmful elements, in order to bring the child relief.

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CONVICTS AGAIN TROUBLESOME.

EXTRA PRECAUTIONS STOP OUTBREAK.

London, Mar. 21.

After several weeks of quiet at Dartmoor Prison, extra precautions were taken to-day as a result of unrest last night when the convicts in three halls spent the night shouting, swearing, ringing bells and threatening to break out this morning.

All the convicts were kept within the walls except a few trusted men whose sentences are due to expire. These were allowed to carry out essential duties on the farm under guards.

Armed guards were also on duty outside the walls. The wives and families of all the warders were warned to remain in their homes. However nothing happened. Evidently cowed by the strength of the guards, the convicts allowed themselves to be taken to their cells.—*Reuter's Special Service.*

hall on Flagstaff Hill, which is controlled by the Observatory, is hardly necessary.

The erection of the Pratas station has been another boon to the Observatory. Mr. Claxton declares it is of tremendous service and functioning excellently. When typhoons are in the air it is invaluable and sends reports hourly.

Mr. Claxton's job is one without set hours: typhoons find him poring over his charts at all hours, and consequently does not leave him much time for other activities. What spare time he has had, Mr. Claxton has spent on the golf links or the tennis courts or round the bridge table. His main interest has been the United Services Recreation Club, on which committee he has served as civilians' representative for many years.

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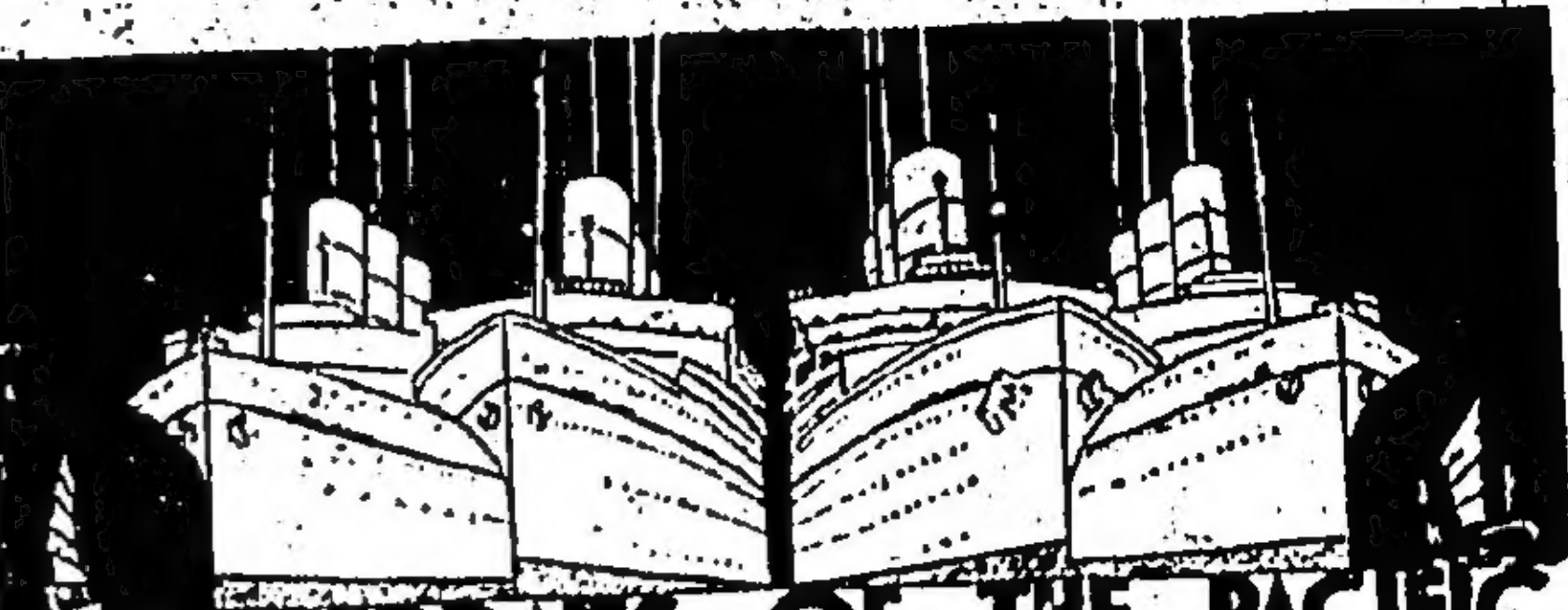
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but to others. Nothing is likely to happen to us here. Nothing ever does happen in Hongkong! We have so many Societies for the Prevention of Things Happening that we sleep soundly in our beds. We know that the nude cultists can only come when the lights are out (laughter) and that an air raid can never come at all.

We are as fortunate in our immunities as we are blessed above all peoples in our egotistical optimism. We want to be realistic, but we don't want to face realities. That's the whole volunteering problem in a nutshell.

Goodbye Ice House Street! Let us take it out of a nutshell and put it in a bombshell. (Laughter). Let us, when we feel disposed to think whatever gods there be that Hongkong is different somehow, consider us clearly and as cogently as we can what would happen if Hongkong was raided from the air. Let us consider that the weapon of the first warplane was an automatic pistol and that today a bomber takes off with about two tons of stuff that, with great good luck, would blow Ice House Street to blazes (laughter)—and still.

I hope, have enough left over to kill the criminal that made this coffee! (laughter).

We have to defend ourselves or to rely on Providence for our defence. We pray for peace in our time, but what good claim have we on Providence for protection against the desolating heathenry of high explosives? Enemy airmen also are godly folk, with an equal claim on Providence, and with the inestimable advantage of being ten thousand feet nearer heaven than Bishop's Lodge. (Laughter). Surely a gleam of simple intelligence should indicate that it were better we should leave to Providence the holding of the scales, and in the meanwhile man the guns that our ungodly authorities tell us we need.

Attack Possibility. If we admit the necessity for defence we must at least admit the possibility of attack. Not only have we to defend this Colony, but we have to protect a peaceful and industrious people, whose co-operation in our plans we do not invite, but whose confidence in our power of protection we expect every right to expect and every duty to encourage.

We can't afford to take any risks. All that we have is at stake in the Colony—or owned by the Hongkong Bank. (Laughter). All our overdrafts are here, and some of our wives! The people

who make our coffee don't matter, but the Armenians and the Land Investment Company expect us to defend our hearths and homes (laughter)—otherwise they will raise our rents. We must do something.

Volunteers Needed. The old China Fleet and the old Regular Forces—stiffened by the old whistled warriors—were a safe standby in the old days, but times have changed. We have to fight new forces from the air and I am here to tell you that we want volunteers to man the guns.

In the Anti-Aircraft Light Automatic Company we work on rather novel, though not entirely original lines. Those of you who have read Nicholas Nickleby will remember that Mr. Squeers had an educational method peculiarly his own. Quoting from the book, "We go upon the practical mode of teaching, Nickleby; the regular education system, C-le-a-n, clean, verb active, to make bright, W-i-l-n, win, d-e-e-r, dear, winder, a segment. When a boy knows this, Nickleby, he goes and cleans the winder." (Laughter).

Protecting The Gas Works. Well, it seemed to me better than most education systems I have studied and I understand it has proved highly successful in the Girl Guides. (Laughter). We have, therefore, adopted it to a modified extent in the Anti-Aircraft Company. Our scheme is to allocate men as far as possible to the defence of their own particular interests. The Talkoo Dock men defend their dock works. The Hongkong Electric men defend their electric works. The water men defend their waterworks. Conforming to the same idea, gentlemen, what about the gas works? (Laughter). I am seriously disturbed about the gas works. Can I hope to-day to get forty-nine men to join me in the defence of my particular interest? It's for you to decide. (Laughter).

The need is for men now. We don't want to be reminded by letters in the newspapers that there are hundreds of men in the Colony who will roll up when the war starts, provided it doesn't start before they roll up. The habit of rolling-up, of which I am a warm and enthusiastic supporter, has much to commend it, but it would be more commendable if air raids were subject to a month's notice. It gives us a comfortable sense of security to know the rollers-up are there wherever they are—but we should be happier to know that they were keeping their hands in.

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CHINESE WEDDING.

LOCAL JOURNALIST MARRIED YESTERDAY.

A pretty Chinese wedding was solemnised yesterday afternoon when Miss Tang Chiu-lan became the bride of Mr. Wei Kwok-lun, the secretary of the Rensha News Service, who is well known in the local Chinese journalistic circles. The bride is the fourth daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tang Kwai-pok, while the bridegroom is the fourth son of the late Mr. Wei Ming-ling. Miss Tang King-chen, the sister of the bride, was the bridesmaid, and Mr. Koo Shin-wei performed the duty of best man.

A large gathering of friends and relatives was entertained at a reception given at the Hotel Cecil after the wedding ceremony.

Mr. Shum Hip-tong, the well known owner of Chinese newspapers in Hongkong and Canton, proposed the toast of the happy couple and briefly referred to the successful journalistic career of the bridegroom and the academic accomplishments of the bride. He wished them both happiness and prosperity.

The honeymoon will be spent in Canton.

volunteer of the truth of our need has been entrusted to me, partly, no doubt, because I am an old volunteer and know nothing of these things, but principally, I think, because the truth is never really convincing unless told by an experienced liar! (Laughter).

An Existing Need. Mr. Chairman, you have been good enough to give me an opportunity of telling the truth to this representative assembly of business and professional men of Hongkong. The need exists. What more is there to say to all good citizens—to all who hold in proper honour the public spirit and patriotism of those who, in the early days of this Colony, laid the foundations of its greatness and counted as the first of their obligations and the proudest of their privileges a place in the front of its defence? (Applause).

Probably, at some time or other, Mr. Chairman, you have tried to arouse public interest in some sinister scheme of your own. You look as if you have (laughter)—and I know that you appreciate my difficulties in raising this Company. I know that you will understand how grateful I am to the Rotary Club for the help you are giving me to-day. (Applause).

Hon. Mr. Shenton. In supporting the speaker, the Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton, the Wing Commander of the Flying Club, referred to the Club. He remarked, "All I can say is I hope that in forming this Company Mr. Champkin will be more fortunate and lucky in hatching than I have been. I hope he will be able to hatch out more anti-aircraft guns than I have been able to hatch out aircraft. During the past year or 18 months I have sat on some pretty good eggs for a considerable period but they turned out to be duds! (Laughter). I am still sitting on a couple more and I don't know whether they will hatch out or not (laughter) but, at the moment, there is no sign of life. He concluded by wishing the new movement every success and good luck.

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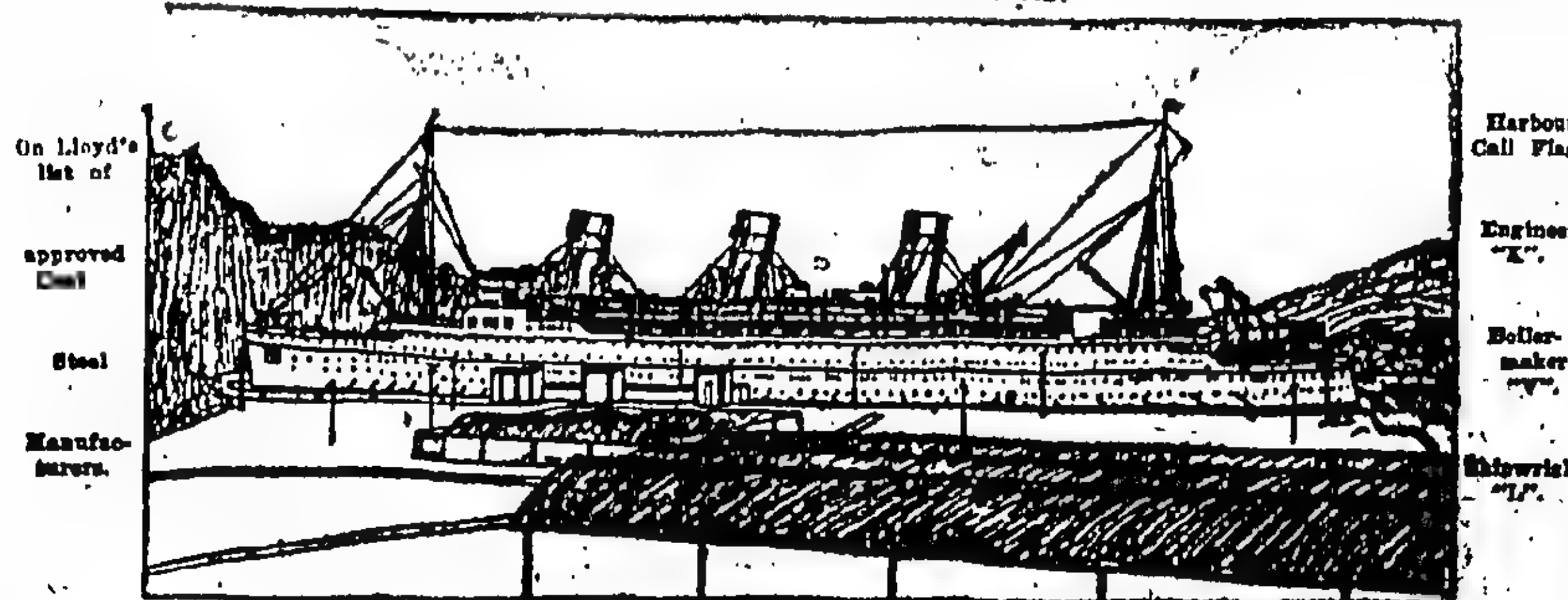
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The members of the Expedition at present staying in Hongkong will leave by the M.M. liner Felix Roussel on Tuesday next for Saigon, taking with them the embalmed body of their leader. At Saigon they will be joined by the mobile unit, which left Hongkong before M. Haardt died, and from there the whole party will proceed home to France by the same steamer.

It is understood that M. Haardt will be accorded a public funeral in Paris after the Expedition returns.

OBITUARY.

DEATH OF A FAMOUS
MEDICAL WITNESS.

London, Mar. 22.
The death of the eminent pathologist, Dr. R. M. Bronte, reduces the small select group of expert medical witnesses, whose evidence in many notable murder trials has been a vital factor.

His testimony, like that of Sir Bernard Spilsbury and Sir William Wilcock, brought a new element of logical science into the sifting of cases, otherwise possibly incapable of explanation. *Reuter.*

Will Remember Volunteers.

Regiments pass through China at an incredible speed and it may be a surprise to some of you to hear that 18 regular battalions have served under me on the China command during the last three years. In consequence it is only natural that I may find a difficulty in a few years time, in not confusing one with another to a certain extent.

But this is not the case with the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps. I shall always have a very clear recollection of them at my various annual inspections and visits to camp.

I shall also remember the many occasions on which I have received hospitality from the officers and men of the various companies. Although I hope to meet you all on many other occasions before I hand over the China command, yet I will take this opportunity of expressing my official thanks for the way in which the officers and men on parade to-day have supported me, and I would like to think that when the time comes for me to leave Hongkong you will miss me not only as a commander, but also as a friend.

**VOLUNTEERS ON
PARADE.**

ANNUAL INSPECTION BY
G.O.C.

Looking quite smart, all sections of the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps marched on to the Murray Parade ground yesterday evening for their annual inspection by the General Officer Commanding, H.E. Major-Gen. J. W. Sandilands.

Major-Gen. Sandilands arrived accompanied by Col. Cousens, Major Atkinson, Capt. Mirehouse and Capt. Cameron, and was met by Lieut.-Col. L. G. Bird, Commandant of the Corps. The Volunteers made an impressive sight as they swung down Gordon Road and on to the parade ground, headed by the pipers of the Scottish Company.

Addressing the Corps, Major-General Sandilands said: "Colonel Bird:—It is a great pleasure to me to be once more able to carry out your annual inspection, more especially as it is my considered opinion that the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps has definitely improved since last year."

I am thoroughly satisfied with everything that I have seen to-day and also with what I saw of your unit when I visited your camp at Fanling. On that occasion I witnessed an ambitious field firing scheme, carried out on the lines which are seldom attempted even by the regular forces, since it is comparatively rare to find tracts of country where it is possible to fire machine guns at a range of 2,000 yards and to carry out movements combined with covering fire from light automatics and rifles on a front of about a mile. I have no hesitation in stating that there is no Volunteer unit in the United Kingdom which has ever attempted a field firing scheme on this scale.

Appeal for New Men.

The one thing that still disappoints me is the strength of the Hongkong Volunteers. In this respect you have heard my views quite often enough before, so I will not bore you by repeating them, beyond stating that there are still a number of young men in the Colony who could not produce any reason, which would satisfy me for not having joined up long ago.

I would like to congratulate Lieut. Champkin and Major Manners for the praiseworthy efforts they are making to get recruits for the anti-aircraft and R.A.S.C. companies and I have every belief that their efforts will not be in vain.

As far as one can foresee this is likely to be the last time upon which I will carry out the official inspection of the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps, as my time is up at the end of this year. However you need have no fear that I will forget you when I leave Hongkong.

A KEEN AVIATRIX.

LADY DRUMMOND-HAY
AT KAI TAK.

After spending a couple of days in Hongkong, Lady Drummond-Hay, one of the world's best-known lady writers, left early this morning on board the s.s. Rameses en route to Shanghai, where she is going to "cover" the Sino-Japanese situation.

Among her many and varied interests Lady Drummond-Hay counts civil aviation as one of the most important and interesting. She is a member of the Royal Aero Club and several Flying Clubs at home, and is also keenly concerned with movements to organise women fliers as distinct from men.

She is the enthusiastic owner-pilot of a Puss Moth plane which she uses extensively when in the Homeland.

During her stay here, Lady Drummond-Hay took the opportunity of paying a visit to Kai Tak Aerodrome where she was taken for a tour of inspection by Mr. A. J. R. Moss, Civil Superintendent of the 'drome.

"It feels just like home," she remarked on entering the magnificent new hangar with its spacious accommodation, and seeing the several civil machines which are housed there. These she looked over with the keen eye of a pilot, and it so happened that she had the opportunity of seeing the first Canadian Curtiss-Reid "Rambler" and American Arrow Sports that have been brought to the Colony.

She commented on the familiar appearance and well-earned look of an Aero-Avian, belonging to Mr. A. V. Harvey, of the Far East Aviation Company Limited, and displayed no little interest in an Avro-Six, the property of this company, which was being assembled.

Lady Drummond-Hay left the aerodrome after over an hour's stay, saying that she had thoroughly enjoyed the visit, and remarking that whenever she could she always visited aerodromes as she always found so much to help in her efforts to promote and encourage civil aviation.

ROYAL ROMANCE.

KING OF SWEDEN FORGIVES
GRANDSON.

Monte Carlo, Mar. 22.

Although it is obvious that everyone concerned in the reconciliation wants to keep the affair as quiet as possible, the King of Sweden has received and bestowed his blessing upon his grandson, the former Prince Lennart, and his bride, who were married in romantic circumstances in London.

Prince Lennart lunched yesterday with Prince William, his father, with whom he has never been estranged. *Reuter's Special Service.*

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FOREIGN TEA SALES.

A STATEMENT MADE IN
PARLIAMENT.

London, Mar. 22.
In the House of Commons to-day Mr. Runciman said that 150,000 packages of Java and Sumatra tea were offered for auction from January 1 to March 19, compared with 146,000 in the corresponding period of 1931. *Reuter.*

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DISAGREEMENTS IN CHINESE PEACE RANKS.

SPECULATION RIFE IN SHANGHAI.

XIXTH ARMY LEADER'S SUDDEN ACTION.

RETURNS TO FRONT LINE: OPPOSED TO TERMS?

CHINESE RUMOURS.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT).

Shanghai, Mar. 23, 1.23 p.m.

SPECULATION IS RIFE IN CHINESE CIRCLES AS A RESULT OF GENERAL CHANG KWANG-NAI'S SUDDEN DECISION TO BREAK OFF HIS COLLABORATION IN THE PEACE NEGOTIATIONS.

It is persistently rumoured that acute disagreement has arisen between the Chinese diplomatic representatives and the Chinese military leaders over the conduct of the peace conferences, and that General Chiang Kwang-nai's refusal to represent the Chinese military at this morning's formal peace parley, causing its postponement, was a sign of the unwillingness of the XIXth Army to talk peace with the Japanese on the basis of the terms already outlined.

The development, dramatic as it is, has failed to arouse disquiet in foreign circles up to the present. It is indicated, on the contrary, that the lifting of the curfew order is a distinct possibility at an early date.

Among the Chinese, however, all sorts of rumours are being spread, much being made of the fact that the Japanese front defence lines are now relatively thinly held.

Mr. Quo Tai-chi, who, with Dr. at Woonung until its turn comes Wellington Koo, represents the diplomatic organisation on the Chinese side, questioned today regarding the sudden departure of General Chang Kwang-nai from the front, admitted that General Tsai Ting-kai's second-in-command had declined to attend the formal peace conference, but denied that the move indicated the possibility of serious developments.

QUO'S EXPLANATION.

He declared that Chang Kwang-nai had refused to attend for the reason that General Shirakawa, the Japanese commander-in-chief, was not the chief Japanese delegate to the conference.

It was learned later to-day that the Chinese municipal authorities had received a reply from the Government to their request for instructions following the action of Chang Kwang-nai.

It is believed that Nanking has suggested that General Tai Chi, the Shanghai Woonung Garrison Commander, be appointed chief military delegate, with General Wang Chang (Gaston Wang), the Chief of Staff of the XIXth Army to assist him.

JAPAN'S PROGRAMMES.

Meanwhile, despite the puzzling situation, the withdrawal of Japanese troops is proceeding steadily. The completion of the embarkation of the 11th Division, which fought south from Liao-ho and precipitated the Chinese retreat

Only One Division Left in Line.

SNIPERS INFLECT CASUALTIES.

Shanghai, Mar. 23, 10.32 a.m.

The members of the Lytton Commission are leaving Shanghai for the interior on Saturday, splitting into two sections.

The exact itinerary of each of the two sections is not yet known, but one will proceed by train to Hangchow, reaching Nanking on Sunday.

The other will proceed upriver by Cantonese launch.

Conversations will be held with representatives of the Nanking Government on Monday morning.

Yesterday, the members of the Commission interviewed, separately, Chinese and Japanese business men chiefly concerned in economic conditions and trade in Manchuria.

Tonight, Mr. Shigenitsu is giving a dinner in honour of the League's representatives.

Peace Hopes.

Meanwhile, following the many meetings held under the auspices of Sir Miles Lampson and his colleagues, at which the Chinese and Japanese representatives have been completed fairly satisfactorily, and hopes are entertained that the points of difference will be cleared up at the formal conference to-day.

Meanwhile, the Japanese are proceeding to carry out their promises regarding the withdrawal of armed forces.

Naval Orders.

Five cruisers, sixteen destroyers and two aircraft-carriers are under orders to leave Chinese waters and it is contemplated to reduce the Japanese naval forces in Chinese waters to something not far above normal.

Embarkation of Japanese land forces is also proceeding. Besides the Mixed Brigade which has already been sent back, the Japanese Eleventh Division is now gradually proceeding home in transports and the task of withdrawing these men should be completed by this evening.

The Ninth Division has been taken out of the front line and is now guarding Woonung. This division also is expected to leave for Japan shortly.

The Fourteenth Division are maintaining the line from Liao-ho southwards to the boundaries of the International Settlement.

Chinese snipers continue their activities and daily Japanese casualties are reported.

A message from Soochow states that a strong protest against Japanese aerial manoeuvres has been registered by the foreign population of Soochow, headed by Dr. Nance, a Professor at Soochow University.

Foreign Accusation.

The foreign residents allege that the Japanese planes are attempting to draw the Chinese fire for the purpose of providing Japan with an excuse for launching bombing attacks.

The Japanese answer that their planes are not equipped with explosives and shooting from planes has been prohibited this month.—*Reuter.*

EIGHT DAYS TO GO.

BRITISH BUDGET PROSPECTS.

London, Mar. 23.

With eight more working days before the financial year ends on March 31st, the revenue returns to March 19th show a deficit on national accounts of only £19,400,000, compared with £34,800,000 at the corresponding date last year.

Revenue in the week amounted to £24,700,000 and expenditure to £24,990,000, making a surplus in the week of £290,000.

Income Tax receipts have already exceeded the revised Budget estimate of £270,000,000 by over £5,000,000, and surtax receipts are only £2,400,000 short.

On the other hand, Estate Duties and stamps together are £21,000,000 behind last year's receipts to date, although the Budget estimated to receive in the year about the same total as last year.

Cutouts and Excise Revenue are together about £10,000,000 over last year's receipts to date, compared with the Budget estimate of a £7,500,000 increase in the year.

Supply expenditure to date is about £11,000,000 in excess of last year, compared with an estimated increase of £22,500,000, this indicating substantial economies.

The Floating Debt amounts to £600,000,000, a reduction of £1,500,000 in the week. *British Wireless.*

DARTMOOR TRIAL.

NEW OUTBREAK SENSATION.

GRAVE CHARGE

(Reuter's Special Service).

London, Mar. 22.

Sensational questions regarding yesterday's fresh incidents at Dartmoor Gaol were asked today when warders gave evidence at the fourth day's hearing of the charges against thirty-two convicts in connexion with the outbreak of January 24th last.

Mr. James, the defending counsel, asked a warder whether he knew if two men who are to be called for the defence were dragged to their cells yesterday with bleeding heads.

The suggestion underlying Mr. James' query was that, according to his instructions, some of the defence witnesses had been interfered with.

The question was not directly answered.

Meanwhile, in view of yesterday's incidents, and also because a heavy mist hung over Dartmoor to-day, the convicts' escort has been greatly strengthened.

Before the lorries containing the escorts came up, the convicts could be heard singing lustily such songs as "Pack Up Your Troubles in Your Old Kit-Bag" and "It's a Long Way to Tipperary."

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LOTTERIES BILL INTRODUCED.

MAJORITY OF OVER FIFTY.

London, Mar. 22.

The House of Commons, by 178 votes to 123, granted leave to Sir William Davidson, private Conservative member, to introduce the Lotteries Bill.

The object of the Bill is to authorise the raising of money by means of lotteries for charitable, scientific and artistic purposes, or any public improvement or other public object, under conditions to be approved by the Secretary of State.—*British Wireless.*

LOCAL DOLLAR UNCHANGED.

MARKET ON QUIET SIDE.

Conditions on the local exchange market to-day are quiet, with the dollar unchanged at 1s. 3½d. Inter-bank business has, however, been done at about 1s. 4d.

Silver is down 1/16th spot and forward in London. India was a small seller, and China a small buyer, the market being quiet.

After the official fixing, the market ruled quietly steady.

New York reports a rise of 1/8th, on a steady market.

The Royal Observatory reports that a moderate anticyclone has developed over North China and South Mongolia. Local forecast:—N.E. winds, moderate to fresh; fine to cloudy.

TRAGIC DEATH ON HERMES.

JOINER DROPS DEAD AT WORK.

We regret having to record the death of David Joseph Brunning, a first-class joiner on H.M.S. Hermes, who dropped dead while working on the aeroplane carrier about 5 p.m. yesterday. His home is at Gillingham, Kent.

A post-mortem is to be held to-day.

has been prohibited this month.—*Reuter.*

NEW TURN OF EVENTS IN INDIA.

DIRECT ACTION BY MOSLEMS.

LAHORE THREAT.

Lahore, Mar. 22.

A new and serious turn has been given to the political situation by a resolution of the All-India Moslem Conference in session at Lahore to-day.

The resolution follows closely the announcement of the British Government that they would not permit the failure of the communities to compose their differences to impede progress in working out the new Constitution.

In spite of this declaration, a threat of "direct action" unless the Government accedes to the Moslem demands by the end of June, was contained in the resolution passed.

The resolution of the Conference also instructs the Working Committee to draw up a programme ready for launching on July 3.—*Reuter.*

SHIP COLLIDES WITH JUNK.

THREE FEARED DROWNED.

Three members of the crew of a fishing junk are missing, feared drowned, as a result of a collision with the O.S.K. steamer Santos Maru, which arrived in Hongkong this morning from Kobe, bound for South America.

According to a report to the Water Police by the Santos Maru, it appears that after passing Breaker Point Lighthouse at about 5 p.m. yesterday, the steamer encountered a large number of junks. In trying to avoid one of them, she collided with another, causing it to be water-logged.

The master of the vessel ordered the crew of the junk to be taken off, but three were found to be missing. Although a search was made immediately in the vicinity, they could not be found, and the Santos Maru had to continue on her voyage to Hongkong.

JUNKERS FIRM IN DIFFICULTIES.

GOVERNMENT AID EXPECTED.

Dussau, Mar. 22.

Despite the fact that the book assets exceed the company's liabilities by some ten million marks, the Junkers Aircraft Company is financially embarrassed.

It is anticipated, however, that the Government of the Reich will come to the rescue, as it has millions invested in the Junkers firm.—*Reuter.*

IRELAND'S OATH CHALLENGE.

SENSATION IN COMMONS.

CRISIS COMING TO HEAD.

CABINET TO SIT.

London, Mar. 22.

When answering a Parliamentary question on the position in Ireland this afternoon, the Dominions Secretary, Mr. J. H. Thomas stated that the Government in the United Kingdom regarded the relations between Britain and the Irish Free States as resting on the Treaty of 1921.

He added that since reaching the House he had received from the Irish Free State Commissioner in London, a very important and serious document dealing with the situation. He would take the earliest opportunity to-morrow to announce the contents of the document and the Government's answer to it.

Soon afterwards, a statement was issued by the High Commissioner for the Irish Free State in London to the effect that he had advised Mr. J. H. Thomas to-day of the policy of the Irish Government regarding the Oath of Allegiance.

IRISH ATTITUDE.

The British Government must realise, he said, that real peace in Ireland was impossible as long as full and free representation of the people in their parliament was rendered impossible by a test of this character.

His Government held that the Oath was not mandatory in the Treaty of 1921.

They had not the absolute right to modify the Constitution as the people desired and anything affecting the Constitution belonged to the internal sovereignty and was purely a domestic matter.

The people regarded the Oath of Allegiance as an intolerable burden and a relic of Medievalism. The test was imposed from outside under a threat of an immediate and terrible war.

CABINET MEETING.

There is little doubt that an emergency debate will be secured to-morrow on the subject of the Irish Free State Government's communication to the Secretary of State for the Dominions.

A meeting of the Cabinet will be held in the morning to consider the document, after which Mr. Thomas will make a statement in the House of Commons.

Conservatives are demanding that any loss of land annuities revenue shall be recouped by an immediate tariff on Irish produce and live-stock, of which Britain takes ninety per cent. of the Free State's output.—*Reuter and British Wireless.*

JAPANESE HARD PRESSED.

COMMANDER HARBIN BUSES.

Harbin, Mar. 22.

As the Japanese cannot arrange transport for their troops by railway on the eastern section of the Chinese Eastern Railway, they are commandeering and mobilising all motor-buses.

It is reported that the situation on the eastern line is critical. Several minor engagements have taken place in the vicinity of Imuengo and Hongtshotgo.—*Reuter.*

"BANDIT" WAR IN MANCHURIA.

ANOTHER SEVERE ENGAGEMENT.

Changchun, Mar. 23.

Learning that a strong body of bandits had appeared in the vicinity of Tschiatung Station, on the South Manchurian Railway, the South Manchurian Police contingent hurried to the scene and after a severe engagement, dispersed the bandits who fled, leaving 42 dead and also the booty, including seventy horses.

The Japanese casualties were five killed and one seriously wounded.—*Reuter.*



Our picture shows one of the big tanks used by the Japanese in Shanghai. Many of these weapons of war are being withdrawn.



Staff officers of the Japanese 14th Division, now in sole occupancy of the front lines, at a signal post.



H.E. Major-General J. W. Sandilands inspecting one of the H.K.V.D.C. detachments yesterday. (Photo: Ming Yuen).

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THE DEFENCE OF HONGKONG.

APPEAL FOR ANTI-AIRCRAFT SECTION.

ROTARY TALK.

Mr. C. Champkin was in his usual humorous mood when he delivered an address at yesterday's luncheon of the Hongkong Rotary Club, on "These Anti-Aircraft Guns," in the course of which he appealed for men to come forward and join the newly-formed Anti-Aircraft Light Automatic Company of the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps.

The Chairman (Sir William Hornell) welcomed the following guests, as non-Rotarians: Mr. E. C. Turvin (California), Mr. V.G. Bronson (Hongkong), Mr. A.D. Muir (Hongkong) and Mr. F. Syme Thomson (Hongkong), and Doctor H.P. Yew, (Yunnanfu).

Also the following Rotarians: Mr. C.E. Horsman (Shanghai), Mr. M. Sandor, Mr. W. Yinson Lee and Mr. R. Farr, all of Shanghai, and Mr. T. Fox (Bangkok).

Mr. Lee expressed his pleasure at finding the Hongkong Club prospering, saying Shanghai Rotarians brought back news of the activities in Hongkong, and they greatly appreciated the welcome always given them.

He added, "I left Shanghai the day before the Lytton Commission arrived so I cannot tell you much about the peace negotiations. I do notice here, however, that the news that appears in the Hongkong papers is very meagre (laughter) compared with what appears on the spot. We have the front and sometimes the second page plastered with news." (Laughter).

Mr. Champkin's Address.

Mr. Champkin said:—It was with some difficulty that I persuaded my friend, Mr. Macpherson, to prevail upon me to accept your kind invitation to-day. You have been very patient with me here on other occasions when I have spoken on subjects of which I know nothing, but I confess I feared the danger of putting your forbearance to a breaking strain on the subject of these anti-aircraft guns.

It is only fair to Mr. Macpherson for me to say that he endorsed my apprehension with a wholeheartedness that seemed to me perhaps a little ready, having regard to our long and friendly association in imposing on the suffering public of this Colony.

An Absorbing Passion.

Anti-aircraft guns happen to be an absorbing passion of mine, but I don't expect you to be anything but mildly interested in them, any more than you would expect me to be particularly interested in golf, or the assassination of snipe, or the nude culturists. (Laughter).

We all have our hobbies and I didn't come here to talk about mine. I am here principally because I find it pleasant to be in the goodly company of so many old volunteers, and I am more glad than I might be, after tating this coffee, to know that most of you don't think anti-aircraft guns are worth a damn! (Laughter) I should be much discouraged if you thought otherwise! When old volunteers develop the habit of taking a cheerful view of volunteering they ought to retire. We can always find them a congenial job in the Boy Scouts.

The Colony expects, and has every right to demand, a decorous and decent despatch from its Defence Corps. (Laughter) for there has never been a time in its history when the Colony's best volunteers were not the world's worst pessimists.

It was so in our time, and it has always been so. I daresay most of you can go back twenty-five years, when the riflemen watched with dull amazement the first aeroplane that disturbed the pleasing amenities of his Easter manoeuvres. He knew then that volunteering was finished. He knew the aeroplane had beaten him and that the end had come.

Whiskered Warriors.

Forty years before his time, the whiskered warriors, whose portraits are preserved in our Officers Mess, waved their beards with the same diabolical foreboding. They laid aside their crossbows and battleaxes (laughter) or whatever smallarms they used in the sixties, and they took up the latest thing in gent's snappy Snider rifles, and they also knew the end had come. They also knew that modern armament had put a rock in the old spirit and that volunteering would never be the same again.

So it has been throughout three quarters of a century of volunteering history. We have all been gloomy prophets, but like old Ezekiel, we have seen the dry bones stirring, and we are not without hope that the spirit of the sixties, that never failed us yet, will serve the hour and need long after we are gone. (Applause).

Never More Keen.

We know that if the Colony's volunteers to-day are small in numbers they have never been more keen and that they are immeasurably more efficient than at any time before.

We know that those old warriors in picturesque poses, throwing the weight of their bodies on their chinstraps (laughter) were splendid fellows. (Applause). They handed down something more lasting than a peculiar fashion in side-whiskers. They started a great movement. They passed on a great tradition. They gave to those who came after them a spirit that, if it has wearied at times, has gathered strength again, and gone from strength to strength when real and urgent need has called on this Colony for volunteers.

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The Anti-aircraft Light Automatic Company anticipates a real and urgent need—the need to guard against a chance that twenty-five years ago would have seemed as fantastic as it seemed forty years before then, when Tennyson forevisioned the nations' aerial paves grappling in the central blue.

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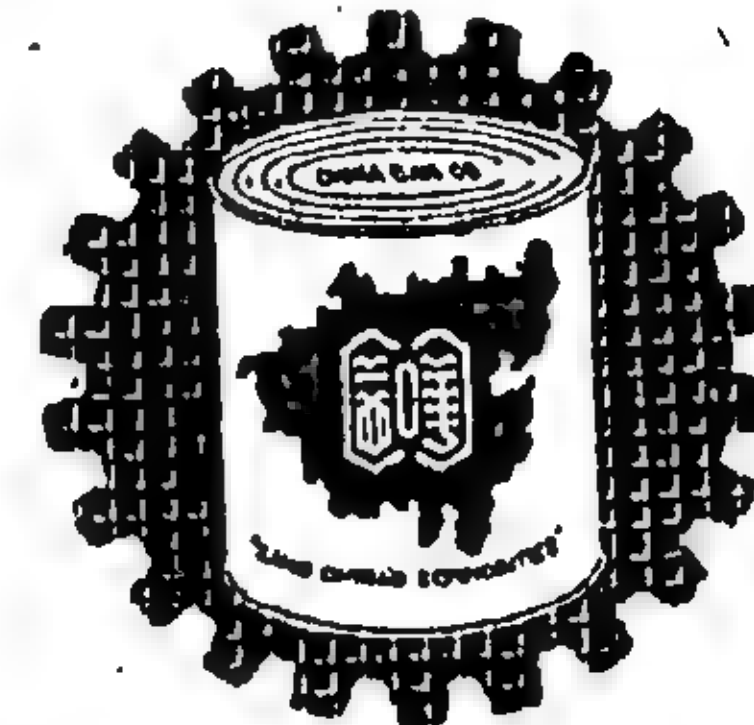
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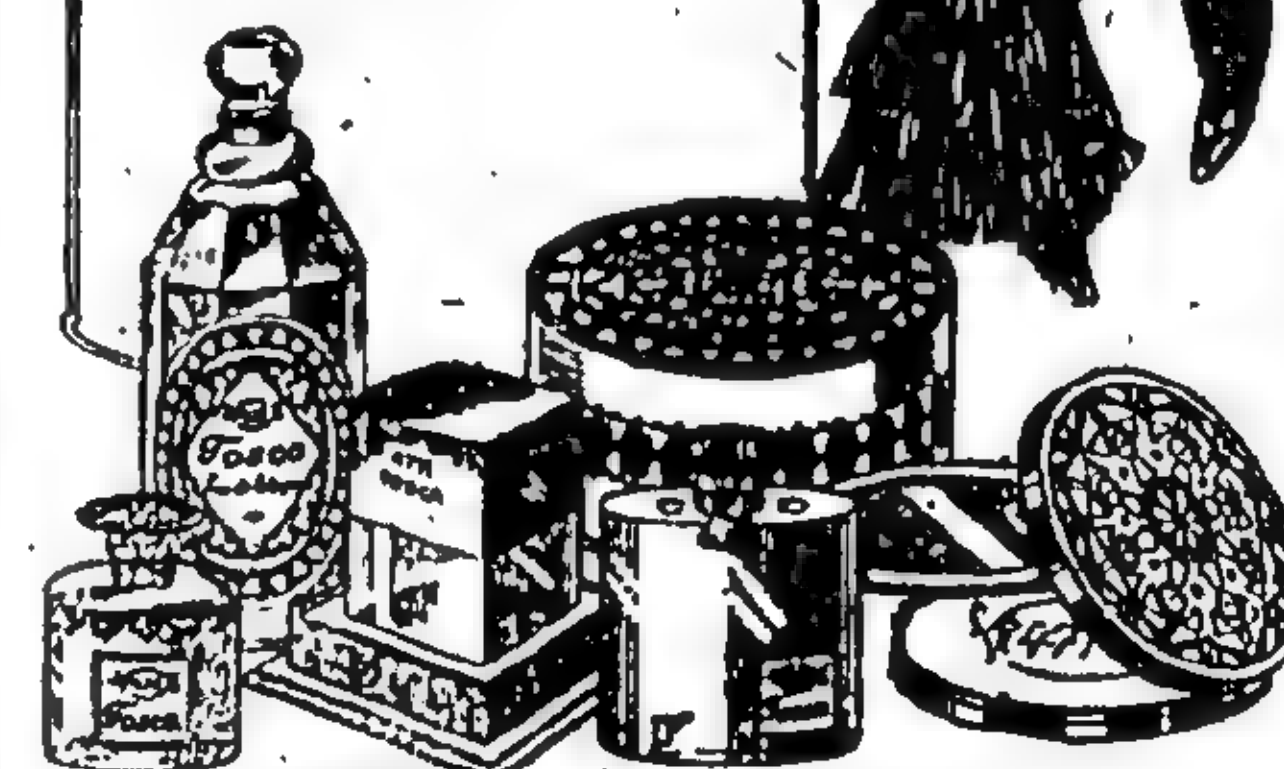
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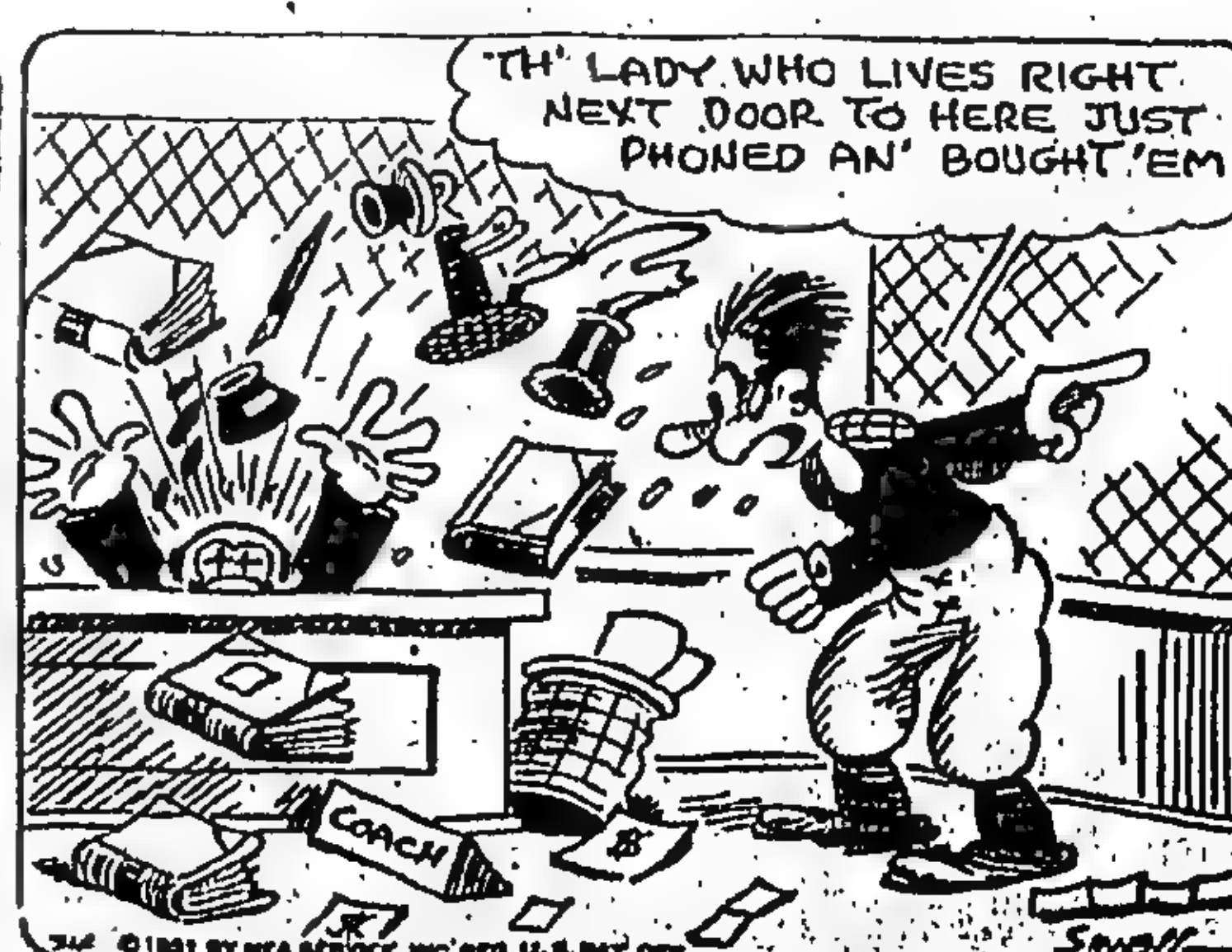
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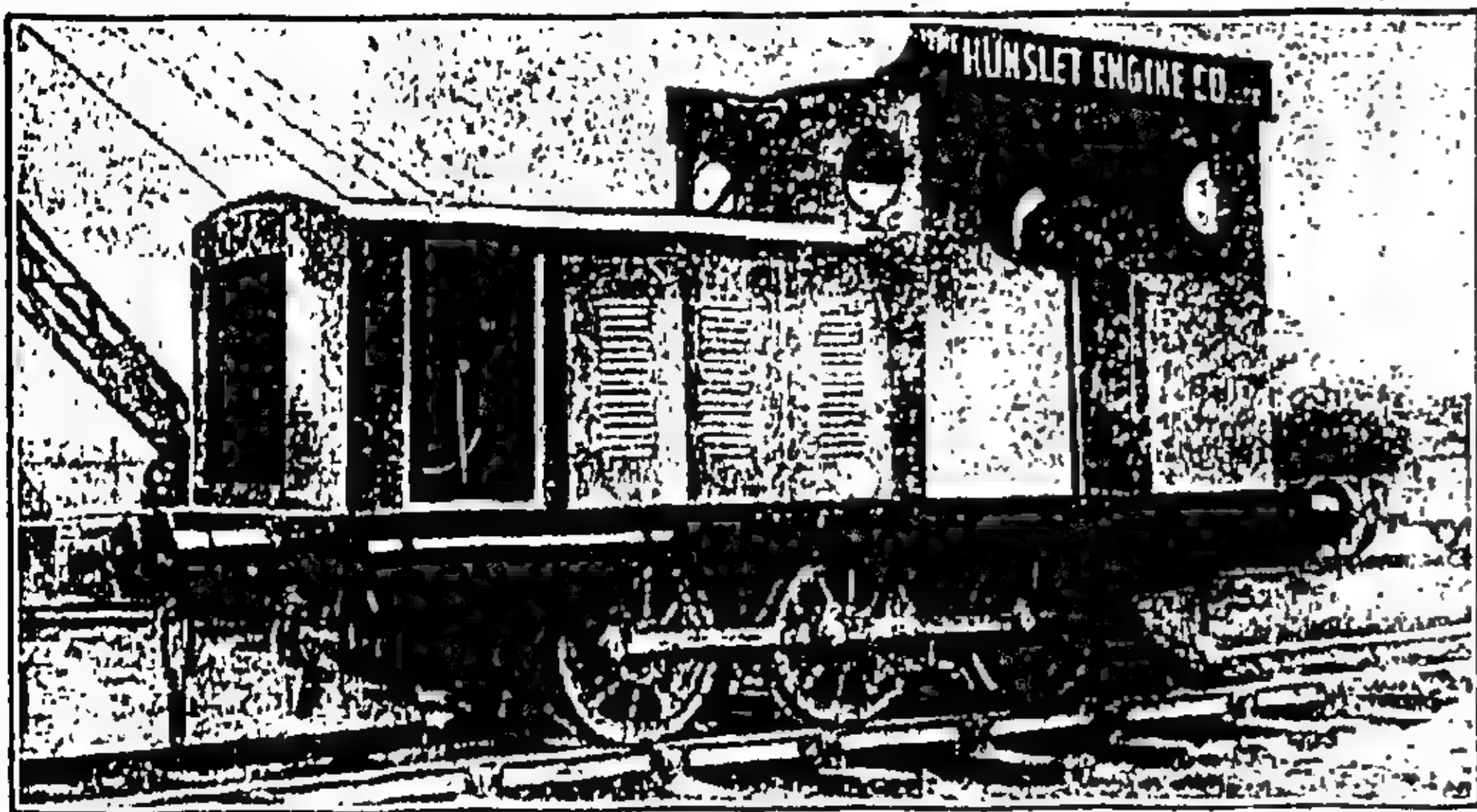
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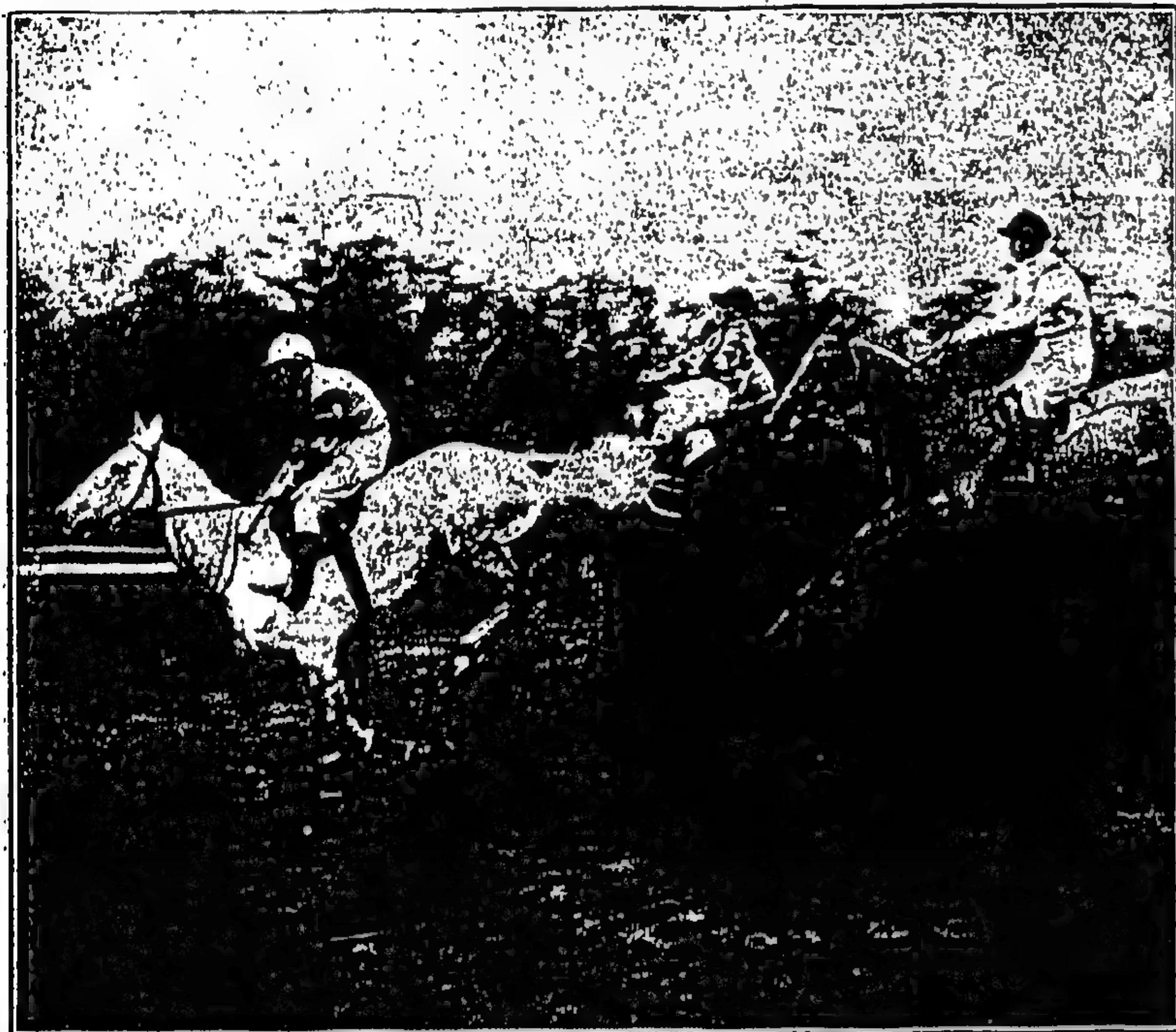
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The Hunslet Engine Co. Ltd., are the makers and very economical running costs are claimed for this new 150 H. P. Diesel Locomotive shown at the Castle Bromwich, Birmingham section.—(Times copyright).



The textiles section of the British Industries Fair was held at the White City and our picture shows some of the early visitors interested in a display of printed cotton fabrics.—(Times copyright).



Taking a jump in the Newbury Steeplechase. Several Grand National horses were running, and the race was won by Mr. J. Metcalf's Theras, which is seen on the right. Mr. R. K. Mellon's Glangasia is shown leading at this jump.—(Times copyright).

THREE KINDS OF LOVE

by KAY CLEAVE STRAHAN

BEGIN HERE TODAY

Ann and Cecily Fenwick have for years supported themselves, their younger sister, Mary-Frances, and their grandparents, known as "Uncle" and "Grand." Because of this financial responsibility, Ann, who is 28, is unable to marry the kind, young lawyer to whom she has been engaged for eight years. Cecily, 22, loves Harry McKee, an engineer, but when he proposes she refuses to name their wedding date for the same reason. Mary-Frances, 15, and still in school, strikes up an acquaintance with Bert De Armount, sandcastle maker, and meets him secretly. He tries to persuade her to become his stage partner.

CHAPTER XXXVII

"But, Earl," breathed Mary-Frances, "you don't honestly and truly think that I—that we—" "Think! Say, I do better think. I know—see? You've heard the crack, maybe, about opportunity knocking once on the door? Well, it's knocking right now, and it's knocking hard. Offering us fame and fortune on a silver platter. Will you take it? Now—you want to stick here and go to a lousy camp with a bunch of kid girls—" "Why, Earl DeArmound! I don't either."

"—and just moulder away, burying your beauty under a bushel and, like you said, misunderstood and drab and all. Well, all I got to say is, snap out of it. Snap out of it—see? I got to be beating it. I've waited around here more'n a month on your account. It's eating into my capital. I can't stick around any longer—see? Snap out of it, Frankie. That's my last word."

"Well," demurred Mary-Frances. "Earl repeated masterfully, 'Snap out of it.'"

"I was just wondering," said Mary-Frances, "what my family would do when they found out I'd gone."

"Do? Say, listen now, hon. Try and be sensible. In the first place, what can they do? Nothing—absolutely nothing. And from what you tell me I don't know as they'd even try to do much. And in the second place, if I start in to get you out of here and away from your family's interference and all, I'll do it—see? Now, listen, hon. After supper to-night you tell your

folks that you're going over to stay all night with your chum again—see? And then you put what you'll find in a suitcase and sneak out of the house, and I'll meet you—well, say down about Fenwick and Spruce—see? I'll talk around the garage and say I'm going to make Blumount to-night. Fact is, we'll go in exactly the opposite direction—see? Throw em off if they did start anything. But they won't. Not them. Now leave me see—" He took a road map from his pocket.

"I could write a note," mused Mary-Frances. "No, no. Nothing like that, Frankie. Absolutely not. That's out—see? Way I'll work it is so they won't even know you're gone till way long to-morrow—Wednesday, sometime, and we'll of left Mendel Springs early in the morning and have a long head start. I got to stop at Mendel Springs—kind of get myself in shape again. But after we leave there—we'll go. That bus of Butt's leave me tell you, is some rocer. He had to have one that would go—see?—cause—well, that was the kind of one he wanted. Well, we'll make the Springs to-night—"

"Earl," faltered Mary-Frances, "I wouldn't want to start to-night. Not Tuesday night." Earl lighted his third cigarette. "All right," he said, "I'm through—see? Wait till I get that damn Chink to give me the cheque. I'm through—see?" He made an ugly gesture with the flat palm of his hand and twisted his features queasily. "I should have known better. Aw, well—what's the diff? You're just like all dames. Yellow!"

"Why, Earl DeArmound! I must say—" "All right. Well, what have you been doing? Stringing me along. Playing me for a sucker. Keeping me hanging around here, eating into my capital. I got a heart, ain't I? I'm human, ain't I? I been talking business to-day—see? Practical—see? Why? Because I didn't want to work on your feelings nor anything. I wanted you to come into it with your eyes open and all—see? And I know in the end you'd thank me to your dying day. Everything for your own good—see? Well, what's it got me? Nothing! What's a man's

prospects and hopes and future and even his heart and everything in your life? Nothing—" "But, Earl, it is. They are. I— You didn't let me finish. You just turned on me and accused, bitterly. I was only going to say that it had been a childhood dream of mine to be married on Wednesday. I was going to say that—well, that. I'd just as lief go to-morrow, Wednesday."

Earl softened. Earl melted. Earl said, "Sweetie! Honest, I'll have to ask you to excuse me—the way I talked just now. I should of known better. Oh, you little sweeties you! You mean you'll go, straight goods and no fooling, to-morrow?"

Mary-Frances, her chin in her palm, sighed a long sigh and nodded. "As you say, there isn't so much for me to stay here for." "Little sweet baby! That's what you are. Little sweet baby. But, say, listen, hon—there's just one little thing maybe we'd better kind of get straight—see? I wouldn't want you to go into this with your eyes shut nor anything. About Wednesday—being married and all. I thought I kinda explained to you, baby, how I wasn't fixed to get married right off—not for a few months."

"I know," said Mary-Frances. "But, after all, beloved, we're eloping. Elopings and marryings really amount to just the same thing, I think. I'd much rather elope on Wednesday."

Earl puffed his cigarette, inhaled deeply, tipped back his head, poked out his lower lip, blew the smoke upwards and watched it float and waver and vanish into nothing. "Wednesday," Mary-Frances reminded him, "is the best day of all."

He rubbed his cigarette into the ash tray. "Frankie," he said, "if the day ever comes when I don't treat you right—square, see—straight, I hope I get mine. I mean it. I won't be the man I think I am, and I hope to get mine. Now, listen, baby. I'm crazy about you—see? And you're crazy about me. You won't back out the last minute, will you? Do you give me your promise that you'll meet me to-morrow and you and I will light out in the old bus?"

"I—I promise," said Mary-Frances. "You won't back out, baby? Honest, you won't back out?"

"I never have broken a promise in all my life," said Mary-Frances, "and I hardly think that I'd start in breaking them now."

Cecily woke to Wednesday morn-

An amusing novelty at the British Industries Fair, a grandfather clock, adapted for hospitable purposes.—(Times copyright).

Miss America IX flashing over the line at Miami at over 111 miles an hour. The record has not been officially accepted.



One of the last public appearances of the late M. Briland. Picture shows him taking leave of M. Laval at the Foreign Office.

ing and shuddered a little and felt hurriedly for her formula. "You are a coward," she said, and she actually spoke the words aloud, "and a fool. But for some reason you've chosen to live. No one is to blame for your continuing to live but yourself. You've chosen life. Well then, Cecily Fenwick, you have to earn your living. Get up and do it."

It was all she had, and it was a poor thing, but it was her own and it had stood her through Monday and Tuesday and if the Christmas goose will last for a week (sliced, cold, croquettes, and finally soup) no one expects it to last for a lifetime.

She reached under her bed and found the green satin mules. She had put them away—not for her trousseau, of course; merely to keep—but she had taken them out again and was wearing them, resolutely, to rage.

In the bathroom she washed her face without looking at it, and brushed her teeth viciously as if she hated them. Taking one thing with another, of what earthly use were such objects as a face and teeth to her any longer?

Back in her room she looked out of the window. On her way through the upper hall again she struggled into the second sleeve of her bathrobe—the dingy blue one—and got the cord tied around her waist; but the mules clod-clopped on the carpeted stairs, and came loose, and to keep them on at all she had to curl her bare toes firmly down into the padded satin.

Grand, who at first clod-clop had paused at the front door with his head on the knob, waited until Cecily stood beside him and tried to take the door knob away from him before he, said, "Cecily, my child, where are you going?"

"I'm going out," said Cecily. "Harry's here. He saw me. Oh, please get out of my way!"

Grand said gently, "Cecily, dear. Look at yourself."

Cecily looked cursorily. It was a horrid old ugly thing, and it should have been washed again, ages ago. "Grand, please get out of my way."

"No granddaughter of mine," said Grand, "shall—"

"Grand! I won't have this. Harry saw me. He'll not understand why I don't come. He may leave—"

"—goes to meet a young gentleman garbed in a costume in which no lady would leave her bedroom."

"I'm fully clothed. Get away from that door. He saw me I tell you. He'll drive off. He'll think I'm not coming."

"Nor does she go, in any dress, to meet a man who has no better taste, no more regard for her reputation and the reputation of her family, than to arrive before the breakfast hour and sit in a car in front of her home. Cecily, return to your room. I shall question this young man. I shall deal with him as he—"

Cecily did not really push him. She took hold of his shoulders and sort of revolved him away from the door, and shoved a little—only a trifle—so that she could have room to open the door and go through it.

The mules were clod-clopping down the porch steps. Ann was leaning over the upstairs railing before Grand thought of falling—stinking would be a more pertinent word—with one groan and two pitiful moans to the floor.

(To Be Continued.)

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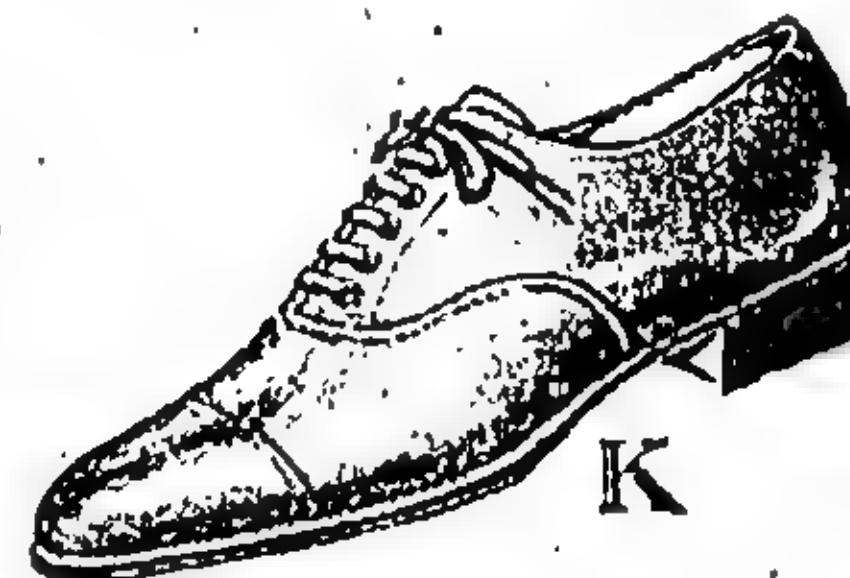
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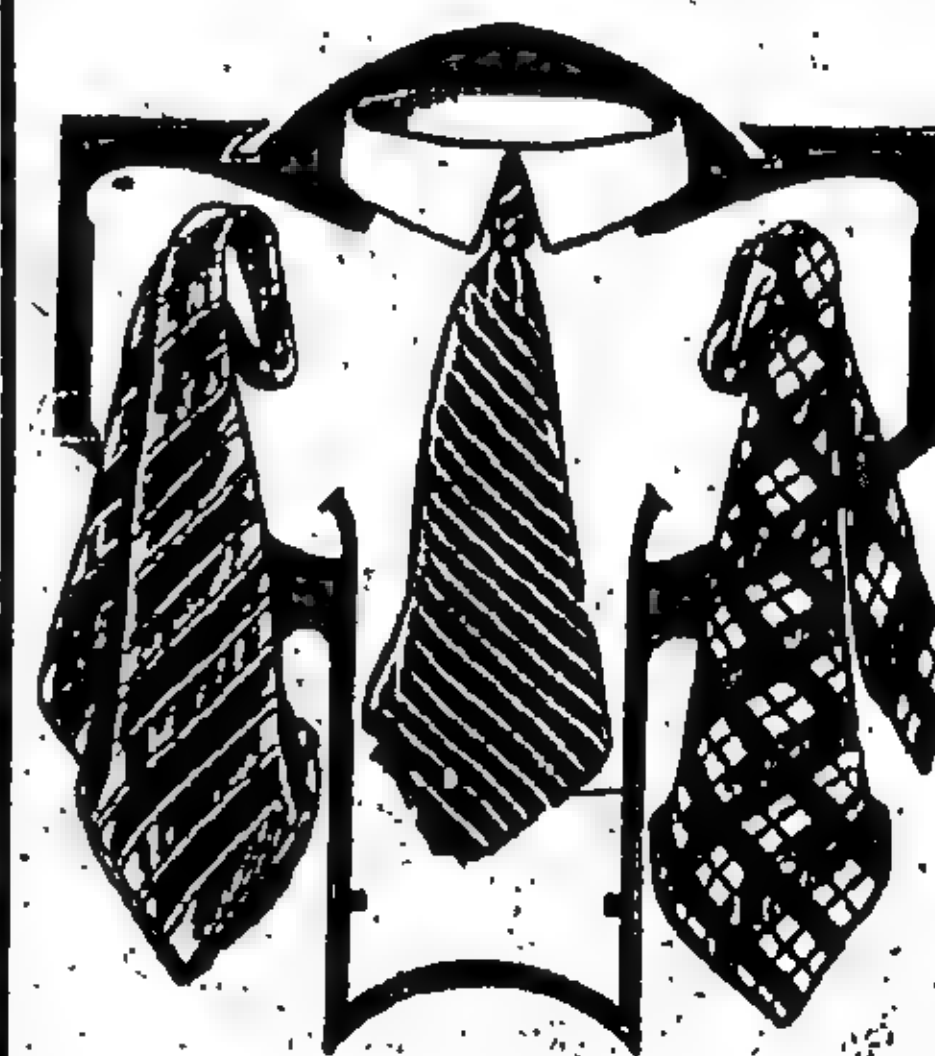
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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

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In Accordance with Government Ordinance, the Exchange Banks will be closed for the transaction of Public Business on Friday, Saturday and Monday, 25th, 26th, and 28th March, 1932. (Easter Holidays).
Hongkong, 22nd March, 1932.

A. S. WATSON & CO. LIMITED.

NOTICE.

ON FRIDAY, the 25th March, and EASTER MONDAY, the 28th March, All Departments will be CLOSED.

on these days.

The Hongkong Dispensary, Dispensing Department, will be open for dispensing prescriptions from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 6 p.m. to 7.30 p.m.

ON SATURDAY, the 26th March, all departments will be open as usual.
Hongkong, 23rd March, 1932.

THE HONGKONG & WHAMPOA DOCK CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of Shareholders will be held in the Office of the Company, Queen's Building, Hongkong, on THURSDAY, 31st MARCH 1932, at 11 a.m. for consideration of the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1931.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 21st to the 31st March, 1932, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board of Directors,

R. M. DYER,

Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 17th March, 1932.

THE HONG KONG MEMORIAL NURSING HOME.

The public is advised that the Nursing Home is now open for the admission of patients.

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LINSTEAD & DAVIS,

Secretaries & Treasurers.

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HONGKONG AUTOMOBILE ASSOCIATION.

The Annual General Meeting of the members will be held in the Board Room of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co. Ltd. on Tuesday, the 29th of March, 1932, at 5.30 p.m.

By order

B. D. EVANS,

Hon. Secretary.

NOTICE.

S.S. "CITY OF PITTSBURG" Arrived 29th August, 1931. New York/Hongkong B/L. No. 1. Three cases said to contain Electric Machinery marked R. W. & Co. Hong Kong 3/5 are lying at Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company.

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Hongkong, 17th March, 1932.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

The Twenty-Seventh Annual General Meeting of Shareholders will be held in the Office of Messrs. Dodwell & Company, Limited, on Wednesday, the 30th March, 1932, at 3 p.m. for the purpose of receiving the report of the General Managers together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December 1931. The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 23rd March to 30th March 1932, both dates inclusive.

DODWELL & COMPANY LTD.

General Managers.

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the 43rd Ordinary Annual Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Office of the Company, Exchange Building, Des Voeux Road Central, Victoria, Hongkong, on Thursday, the 31st day of March, 1932, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ended 31st December, 1931.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from Saturday, 12th March, 1932, to Thursday, 31st March, 1932, both days inclusive. By order of the Board of Directors,

ALLAN KEITH,

Secretary

Hongkong, 1st March, 1932.

THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

The Sixty-third Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Office of the undersigned on Wednesday, the 30th March, 1932, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1931.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 16th to the 30th March, 1932, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO. LIMITED.

General Managers.

The Hongkong Fire Insurance Company, Ltd.

Hongkong, 9th March, 1932.

THE MACAO JOCKEY CLUB.

PROGRAMMES and ENTRY FORMS for the Second Extra Race Meeting to be held in Macao on Sunday, the 3rd April, 1932, may be obtained at the Sports Club, Hongkong Jockey Club Stables, or at the offices of Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming, 6, Des Voeux Road, Central.

ENTRIES close at 5 p.m. on Thursday, the 24th March, 1932.

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The first bell will be rung at 12 o'clock noon.

There will be an interval for Tiffin after the 2nd Race on both days.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Members are notified that they and their Ladies must wear their Badges prominently displayed.

No One without a Badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure.

Badges admitting Non-Members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$5.00 for Gentlemen and \$3.00 for Ladies (Both including Tax) are obtainable through the SECRETARY upon Introduction by a Member, such Member to be responsible for Payment of All Chits, &c.

Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will NOT be on sale at the Race Course.

On No Pretext will Children be permitted in either Enclosure during the Meeting.

Tiffins are obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered from the No. 1 Boy in advance. Telephone 21920.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

The Price of Admission to the Public Enclosure is \$2.00 including Tax, for all Persons, including Ladies, and is payable at the Gate. Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform are admitted Half Price.

Bookmakers, Tie Tac Men, &c., will not be permitted to operate within the Precincts of the Hongkong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

Tiffins will be obtainable in the Restaurant in the Public Enclosure.

By Order,

C. R. BROWN,

Secretary.

Hongkong, 21st March, 1932.

SOCIETY OF ST. GEORGE, HONG KONG.

Notice is hereby given that a Special General Meeting of the Society of St. George, Hongkong, will be held on Wednesday, the 30th day of March, 1932, immediately after the termination of the Annual General Meeting when the following Resolution will be proposed.

That the Rules of the Society be amended as follows:—By adding the following paragraph to the end of Rule 8:—The Committee shall have power to waive the payment of an entrance fee in the case of members of His Majesty's Forces and Civil Servants attached thereto who wish to join this Society.

By Order of the Committee, LINSTEAD & DAVIS,

Secretaries & Treasurers.

Hongkong, 21st March, 1932.

SOCIETY OF ST. GEORGE, HONG KONG.

The Annual General Meeting of the Society will be held in the Board Room of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co. Ltd. on Wednesday, 30th March, 1932, at 5.30 p.m.

For the following purposes:—

(a) To receive the Report of the Committee and Statement of Accounts for the past year.

(b) To elect the Officers and Committee for the ensuing year.

(c) To consider the manner in which St. George's Day shall be celebrated.

(d) To transact any other business of which due notice has been given.

All Members are requested to attend.

LINSTEAD & DAVIS,

Secretaries & Treasurers.

Hongkong, 21st March, 1932.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

that the General Managers have (with the sanction of the Consulting Committee of this Company) obtained at a Meeting of such Committee held here on the 14th day of March 1932, made a Call of \$50 per share in respect of the monies unpaid on the shares held by the Shareholders and that such Call should be paid on Wednesday, the 30th day of March, 1932, to the General Managers at the Office of the Company.

That the General Managers have (with the like sanction of the Consulting Committee) determined to employ the sum of \$400,000 part of the Reserve Fund of the Company in paying a Special Dividend of \$50 per share on the shares of the Company held by the Shareholders and that such Special Dividend shall be payable on the 30th day of March, 1932.

Warrants for the Special Dividend can be obtained on application to the General Managers at the Office of the Company.

Should any Shareholder fail to pay the amount of the said Call on the 30th day of March, 1932, the General Managers will on the 31st day of March, 1932, apply the amount of the above mentioned Special Dividend due to him in payment and satisfaction of the said Call.

After payment or satisfaction of the said Call in the manner above indicated a Memorandum showing the extent to which the shares are then paid up will be endorsed on all Certificates of Shares presented to the General Managers at the Office of the Company.

The Transfer Books and Register of Members of the Company will be closed from the 16th day of March 1932, to the 30th day of March, 1932, both days inclusive.

Dated this 15th day of March, 1932.

JARDINE MATHESON & CO., LTD.

General Managers,

The Hongkong Fire Insurance Co.,

Limited.

HONG KONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

A GENERAL MEETING OF MEMBERS will be held on TUESDAY, the 29th March, 1932, at 5 p.m. in the Office of the Chamber of Commerce, Chartered Bank Building, to nominate a Member of the Chamber for appointment to the Legislative Council during the absence from the Colony of the Hon. Mr. C. Gordon Mackie.

Notice in writing of the Names of Candidates and their Proposers and Seconders to be lodged with the Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce at least 48 hours before the time appointed for holding the Meeting.

By Order,

M. F. KEY,

Secretary.

Hongkong, 21st March, 1932.

CHINA PROVIDENT LOAN & MORTGAGE CO., LTD.

NOTICE is hereby given that the THIRTY-FIFTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of Shareholders in the Company will be held in the Company's Board Room, 3rd Floor, Exchange Building, Hong Kong, on Thursday, 24th March, 1932, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ended 31st December, 1931, electing Directors and Auditors, and for the transaction of any other Ordinary business of the Company.

NOTICE is also hereby given that the TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be closed from Monday, 14th March, 1932, until Thursday, 24th March, 1932, both days inclusive, during which period no transfers of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board,

D. L. KING,

Secretary.

Hongkong, 5th March, 1932.

THE HONGKONG ROPE MANUFACTURING CO., LTD.

Notice is hereby given that the Forty-eighth Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders in the above Company will be held at St. George's Building, Chater Road, Victoria, Hongkong, on Wednesday, the 30th March, 1932, at 11.30 o'clock a.m., for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ended 31st December 1931, and to transact the ordinary business of the Company.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from Saturday, 19th March, 1932, until Wednesday, 30th March, 1932, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board of Directors, SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,

General Managers.

Hongkong, 4th March, 1932.

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POST OFFICE NOTICE

EASTER HOLIDAYS.

On Good Friday, 25th March; Saturday, 26th March and Easter Monday, 28th March the General Office and Branch Post Offices will be closed as follows:

Post Office Friday, 25th Saturday, 26th Monday, 28th
General Post Office 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. 8 a.m. to 10.30 a.m. 8 a.m. to noon
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Shuangwan Branch 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. 8 a.m. to 9 a.m.
6 p.m. to 7 p.m. 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

The other Branch Post Offices will be open daily from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. only.

There will be one collection from the pillar boxes and one delivery of ordinary correspondence each day as on Sundays, and one delivery of registered correspondence each day at 9 a.m.

The Money Order Office will be entirely closed during the holidays.

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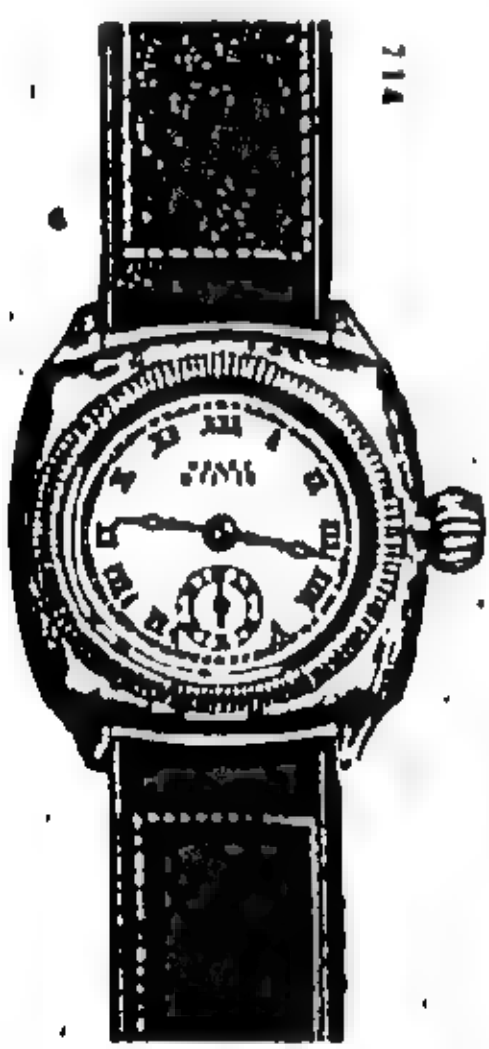
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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23, 1932.

TARIFFS AND TRADE.

One of the difficulties of the British Government in enforcing its new tariff policy will be to avoid the endangering of foreign trade. Mr. Runciman evidently had that point in view when, in a recent speech at the British Industries Fair, he remarked that, whilst hoping to extend Empire trade, the Government was, at the same time, anxious not to lose any opportunity of strengthening trade relations with foreign countries. He even went so far as to express his firm belief that greater freedom of intercourse between nations represents the only permanent solution of the world's commercial ills. The Free Trader will naturally retort that freedom of intercourse is not being helped by the erection of new tariff barriers.

A good deal has been made by defenders of Britain's change of fiscal policy of the point that the tariff will enable us to bargain with other countries, and, possibly, cause them to lower their barriers. It is of interest, however, to contrast this belief with the views recently expressed by Dr. D. M. Marvin, economist of the Royal Bank of Canada. Ascribing that tariff barriers have hindered the free exchange of goods, and that recent increases in tariffs are more than likely to delay world recovery, he contends the view that Britain's new tariffs may cause some countries to see the folly of placing further restrictions on world trade and thus lead to a concerted movement towards lower tariffs. He openly declares that he has no great faith that this will be the outcome. It is true that this authority does not blame world depression on tariffs, as it is pointed out that trade was falling off rapidly before the latest epidemic of tariff increases set in. While the tariff barrier, a device to increase national production at the expense of other countries, hinders the balanced growth of international prosperity, there was no sufficient change in tariffs just prior to the downward turn in trade to account for the

drastic downward movement. Therefore tariffs, whilst having a distinct influence, have not been the primary cause of the continued depression.

On the general question of the existing trade situation, there are many who hold that the outstanding volume of credit is dependent upon the volume of business. But this would appear to betray a failure to grasp the relationship of credit and production to the price level. It is Dr. Marvin's contention that the volume of credit has fallen faster than the volume of production, and that it is this relationship which has produced falling prices; further, that prices will continue to fall until credit contraction has been halted. It is the gold countries where the most acute trouble now exists, since their price level is still falling. In the United States and France the trouble has been aggravated by unprecedented hoarding, which is the worst form of credit contraction. Until the gold countries can devise the means of raising their prices and creating manageable machinery which will ensure a greater measure of stability other countries should hesitate to re-adopt the gold standard.

Indeed, unless the gold countries are prepared to conform to certain conditions within a reasonable period of time, it is by no means beyond the bounds of possibility that a new system of money and exchange might be developed, based on a central unit intelligently managed and stabilized in relation to the numbers of the price level. Sterling is the logical basis of such a system. The traditional position of sterling as the world's medium of exchange, the position of London as the world's banking centre, her wealth of experience, her splendid banking system, at the centre of which the Bank of England operates without the stringent restrictions and inhibitions of the central banks of France and the United States, form a combination ideally designed for this purpose.

Disarmament.

A study of the work of the Disarmament Conference up to the present time is calculated to give satisfaction to every advocate of peace and to encourage a hope that a reduction of armaments, which will really count, will yet proceed from it. It is difficult to imagine such a conference held under more unhappy circumstances than have attended this one. Universal financial distress among nations of course, affect to its detriment any argument for disarmament, but the complication of that distress with reparations and war debts gives it a political character which might well prove provocative, with the tendency to encourage increasing rather than lessening armaments. And the outbreak of the quarrel between China and Japan, with the obvious purpose of Japan to follow its own programme without deference to world sentiment or League authority, might well be taken as an argument in favour of the maintenance of heavy armaments against the ambitions of a militaristic nation. Of course the latter argument would be fallacious, although attractive to people of military inclinations. Everything that is going on in the Far East is an argument for disarmament and a fuller control of military forces by central organisation than now exists, and seemingly the delegates to Geneva are refusing to permit themselves to be stampeded by the incidents in Manchuria and Shanghai. The addresses have been models of tactful and diplomatic approach to a great problem. No clash of any sort which might preclude harmonious determination of the issue has been permitted, and more than in any earlier conferences dealing with an international problem of difficulty and delicacy, the note of pessimism has been missing. It is hardly the thing to say that the conference may be a success. It is a success. If nothing more were accomplished than the discussions as they have thus far proceeded, the way would seem to have been paved for a more complete and satisfactory control of the armaments of the world by joint negotiations.

During the Easter Holidays, the Exchange Banks will be closed to the transaction of public business on Friday, Saturday, and Monday, March 24, 25 and 26.

DAY BY DAY

I FIGURE THE JEW AS THE ELDEST BORN OF TIME, TOUCHING THE CREATION AND REACHING FORWARD INTO THE FUTURE, THE TRUE BLAZE OF THE UNIVERSE—THE WANDERING JEW WHO HAS BEEN EVERYWHERE, SEEN EVERYTHING, DONE EVERYTHING, LED EVERYTHING, THOUGHT EVERYTHING, AND—SUFFERED EVERYTHING.—Israel Zangwill.

The P. and O. s.s. Rajputana, from Shanghai, is due here at 6 a.m. on Friday.

The Chief Justice (Sir Joseph Kemp) is at present confined to his house with influenza, and, in consequence the case concerning the dispute between brothers as to the assets of the Kai Sai firm, which is before the Court, has been adjourned until his Lordship recovers.

A farewell party to Mr. D. W. Morley, who sailed for Hong on leave this morning, was given by the Hongkong University Engineering Society yesterday. Mr. Morley is a lecturer at the University, and several speeches appreciative of his work, and expressions of congratulations on his forthcoming marriage, were made by members of the Society.

We understand from the Managing Director of the Hongkong and Yau-mut Ferry Co. Limited that the Company is issuing 20,000 new \$10 shares to its registered shareholders for subscription at \$20 each. The holder of every two shares is entitled to apply for one new share, closing on the 30th April 1932 and ranking for dividend on the 1st May 1932.

SUGAR MARKET.

THE LATEST CABLED QUOTATIONS.

The following cable at the close of the sugar market yesterday has been received by Messrs. Pencreath and Co.

London Terminals.
March 1932 5/10½ down 3/4d.
May 1932 5/½ down 3/4d.
August 1932 5/4½ down 3/4d.
December 1932 5/7½ down 3/4d.
Buyers at above prices, sellers asking 3/4-½d more.

New York Terminals.
March 1932 1.00 down 2 pts.
May 1932 .75 no change.
July 1932 .81 down 1 pt.
September 1932 .87 down 2 pts.
December 1932 .93 down 1 pt.

CORRESPONDENCE.

"Touch Typewriting."

[To the Editor, Hongkong Telegraph.]

Sir,—May I be enlightened, through the medium of your valuable paper, on the above subject? Of late the business market has been flooded with typists who have been taught to master the standard typewriter keyboard with their "Blind" system, using (A) (S) (D) (F) and (H) (J) (K) (L) as the "home" keys for the left hand and right-hand figures respectively. Will any of your readers interested in the subject kindly point out to me the advantage of the above method which obviously deviates from the well-known "Touch" system adopted throughout the English-speaking world. Yours, etc., "FINGERS-GO-WRONG."

ALADDIN
CLOSES HIS CAVE.

By IAN COLVIN.

ALADDIN has closed his cave. The diamond mines of South Africa are shut down. Since diamonds are still counted the most precious things known to man it must seem an extraordinary paradox that they should no longer be thought worth the finding. What does it mean?

Does it mean that the day of diamonds is over; that they are going to be worthless? That would indeed be a calamity, since for generations the diamond has maintained its value with the constancy of gold. To the utilitarian it must seem almost worthless—useful only for cutting glass or drilling rock; but to those who have come under its spell, it is of all adorable things the most precious.

Even though it be transparent and colourless as a drop of dew, in diamond of the purest water, its crystalline heart flashes resplendently with radiant fire. It dissolves the plain light of day into the romantic glories of the rainbow. "It seems," as Sir John Mandeville observed, "to take pleasure in assuming in turn the colours proper to other gems." It is highly phosphorescent; it reflects, refracts, and disperses light with a brilliance that might be called divine. Yet so dazzling is it to man and woman that to win it (says Mr. Gardner Williams), "temples have been profaned, palaces looted, thrones torn to fragments, princes tortured, women strangled, guests poisoned by their hosts, and slaves disembowelled." The history of any famous diamond would make a scenario beyond the dreams of Hollywood.

It is besides of so eternal a charm, of so indestructible a nature that the stone which glittered in the ear of the Queen of Sheba may now redeem from mediocrity the wife of a Chicago millionaire. Artists in other materials—in canvas or marble or bronze—work for time, but that fine artist, the diamond-cutter of Amsterdam, for eternity.

It is so small that it can be carried on a finger, yet so precious as to represent a fortune; it is both beautiful and immortal; neither its value nor its lustre suffer diminution with age—for all the reasons it is beloved of women. And it has long been the custom of women, especially of such as lead adventurous lives—on the stage or elsewhere—to turn their earnings and their savings into diamonds, at once their stock-in-trade and a security against misfortune and old age.

If diamonds were no longer valuable it would be like the bankruptcy of a great insurance company—and would give many a fair lady more cause to shudder as she looked at her first faint wrinkles in the glass.

Let us see, then, how the matter stands. As for the source of diamonds—mainly the diamond mines of South Africa—it may be called inexhaustible. The pipes in which they are found could be counted almost on the fingers of one hand; they are enormous and unfathomable shafts which go down through the surrounding shale and basalt, and are as it were packed and rammed full of a soft blue rock or hard blue clay—the matrix of the diamonds.

How these pipes were formed and whence came this clay are mysteries beyond the science of the geologist. Some say their origin is plutonic; others say they were filled by aqueous agencies. It is an odd circumstance that fossil lizards, and branches of trees, of no very great geological antiquity have been buried some hundreds of feet deep in this solid matrix, and that reefs of shale have been found in the midst of the clay, as if they had been sucked down like a gigantic potato-peeler the vent of a kitchen-sink until choked and held by the surrounding waste.

Did the vast lake which once covered those regions escape through those holes into subterranean channels, measureless to man, carrying with it the sludge which became solid under heat and pressure from above and below? Were the diamonds crystallised from bubbles of hydrocarbon imprisoned in the mud? Such speculations tense an ignorant mind—like mine—out of thought; the expert offers no solution.

However, they came, the diamonds are there, so evenly distributed throughout the clay that they can be reckoned at so much to the load. Having walked, as Ezekiel, "in the midst of the stones of fire," I can bear witness to these enormous resources. Although the pipes narrow as they go down, the end is not in sight, and while some pipes are worked others are held in reserve. The mines certainly are not closed down because they are exhausted.

Nor is De Beers, which owns this vast wealth, in any lack of capital; on the contrary it was never so strong in its resources. One of its several funds, "the reserve for the stabilisation of the diamond trade," is of 4½ millions, represented by investments which stand in its books at £7,303,000. Nor is it merely in its reserves that De Beers is strong; it has control of every diamond mine, including its quondam rival the Premier, of the Transvaal, and has, besides an interest in every source of supply. It is, moreover, half-owner of the Diamond Corporation (successor of the Diamond Syndicate), which controls the diamond market.

This is by no means the first crisis of the industry, and the recurring cause is not that De Beers cannot produce, but that the world cannot buy. In 1922 all mining and washing operations were suspended for many months. Then came a recovery in world trade followed by the depression which now reigns. At the beginning the market was flooded by Russian stones, the spoils of Communism or what was saved by the refugees and sold to support their unhappy exile. Then came the discovery of the Lichtenburg field in the Transvaal—a free digging of enormous wealth which rose to its peak in September, 1927, and afterwards declined.

Between 1926 and 1929 these fields produced diamonds to the value of nearly eleven million pounds. Against these discoveries the Syndicate bought and bought to keep the surplus off the market. Then came (early in 1927) the discovery by Dr. Merensky, on Crown land at the Orange River mouth, of a natural cache of diamonds. By 1929 that, too, was mostly garnered—a prize worth £12,000,000. Again the Syndicate bought; it bought to the extent of £3,000,000 and so held up the market.

Now these alluvials, where not exhausted, are fallen under control; the alluvial production is back at the old level of £2,000,000 a year. Supplies are both normal and regulated; but the world depression upsets all calculations. The world can no longer buy.

Ladies are not receiving; they are selling their presents. Impoverished lovers buy it not in diamonds, but in flowers. There is no longer a market for these most precious of stones. Hence this closing down. The trim little British South African town of Kimberley is put upon half-pay—singly under hatches, confident in its faith in the vanity of woman-kind. If civilization survives, diamonds once more will come into their own.

THE WHEAT BILL.

COMMITTEE STAGE NOW COMPLETE.

London, Mar. 22.
The House of Commons last night completed the committee stage of the Wheat Bill. No important changes have been made in the original measure. During the debate the Minister for Agriculture refused an amendment limiting the operations of the Bill to five years. He stated that the whole situation would be reviewed after three years by a fully-informed body.—British Wireless.



"There now, that makes us square."

BRITAIN'S POLICY RE-STATEd.

FULL-DRESS DEBATE IN THE COMMONS.

LABOUR'S CALL TO FIRM ACTION.

London, Mar. 22. Mr. George Lansbury, Leader of the Opposition, initiated a debate on the Far Eastern dispute in the House of Commons to-night, for the purpose of ascertaining the policy of the Government.

He said that months had passed with very little progress towards a settlement. He also enquired the Government's views regarding the Disarmament Conference.

Although he said he recognised Japan's position, her inability to find sufficient markets for her manufactures, he considered that Japan had blundered in China. All countries must be thankful for the stand the United States had taken in connection with the League.

EJECT JAPAN!

Mr. Lansbury asked Sir John Simon what the League proposed to do to eject the Japanese from Manchuria, and also what he proposed to do concerning the Japanese communication relating to the Manchurian Customs. He requested Sir John Simon to draw the attention of the Japanese Government to the fact that such action was contrary to British interests, the League Covenant and the Washington Nine-Power Treaty.

Sir Austen Chamberlain, joining the debate, said they must all recognise the powerful influence which Sir John Simon had exercised in the councils of the League in bringing together nations which, at the outset, were widely divided.

He deprecated the use of hard words in reference to Japan. Hard words never settled international controversies. He also deprecated Mr. Lansbury's suggestion that it trouble broke out in the International Settlement, British nationals should be evacuated.

MARKED PEOPLE.

He declared that such a step would have serious consequences. It would destroy the whole of our trade with China and would deprive us of any influence in the councils of the Asiatic Powers.

We should be marked as a people who forgot traditions, as neither willing to help the needy nor to protect our own people in the hour of danger.

Sir Austen expressed the hope that nothing would be done to prevent the restoration fully of the old Anglo-Japanese friendship. As regards China, we had no territorial ambitions there or elsewhere, desiring to see China strong and prosperous.

JAPAN'S PROMISES.

Sir John Simon, rising to reply to the debate, announced that the Japanese Ambassador, Mr. Matsudaira, had informed him that orders had been given for withdrawal of the greater part of the Japanese naval fleet and some of the land forces from Shanghai.

He added that the preliminary peace negotiations were reported to have closed satisfactorily and a formal conference is being held to-morrow (Wednesday).

The statement was loudly applauded. Sir John Simon proceeded to enumerate the Japanese naval forces in Chinese waters and said that Japan was reducing these forces to something not much greater than in normal times.

The House was entitled, said Sir John, to feel satisfaction that after what had seemed to be an unhappily long wait, we had at length reached a point when we were able to say that the United States were joining with ourselves and other great Powers interested in the Far East, in endeavouring to promote great purposes common to the League Covenant and the Pact of Paris.

HUSTLE DANGERS.

He did not wish, however, to speak too hopefully of the present situation in the Shanghai area, for one learned from Rudyard Kipling of the dangers lying in wait for anybody who tried to hustle in the East. The latest news was, nevertheless, encouraging.



OPIUM HIDDEN IN CLOGS.

INGENUOUS TRICK DISCOVERED.

Waterfront searchers yesterday arrested a Chinese emigrant on his way to the Ocean Islands, consequent on the discovery of contraband opium in his possession. The stuff was secreted in one of a pair of wooden clogs. The man had secreted some seven taels of Chinese opium in the hollow interior of one heel, while to the other he had poured a corresponding quantity of cement, with the obvious object of introducing equal weight, and thereby of averting detection.

The ingenious smuggler was charged by Revenue Officer Ward before Mr. Schofield at the Central Police Court this morning, and was fined \$600, or, in default, four months' hard labour.

your advice or to exert influence as a great world organisation.

It was a mistake to assume that the League necessarily gained effective strength in such a case by constant reference to the League. The strength of the League was founded on its position as the exponent and interpreter of world opinion—one of the most terrific forces in nature.

FUND OF STRENGTH.

The League had gathered an immense fund of authority and strength in this connexion. Those in close touch with proceedings at Geneva during the last few months must be conscious that the existence of the League's power of a coercive character did not necessarily add, in every instance, to its effective strength as a mediating force. Some States might have to join wholeheartedly in a declaration of a principle for fear of the ultimate liabilities that might come on them in taking action. Other States might be less inclined to accept the guidance of the League because they resented the suggestion of such intervention.

The truth was that when world opinion was sufficiently strong and unanimous to pronounce a firm moral code, sanctions would not be needed. While, therefore, Britain would stand firmly by its obligations under every Article of the Covenant, he would suggest to those who had studied this subject that they should keep the coercive and mediating functions of the League distinct.

STRONG LINE.

It was because the League Assembly resolution of March 15th had affirmed that it was against the spirit of the Covenant that a settlement of the Sino-Japanese dispute should be sought under the stress of military pressure that he was glad to see there had been a considerable withdrawal of Japanese forces from Shanghai.

Although sometimes it had to work slowly and sometimes disappointed its best friends, the League had shown itself in the present situation an invaluable influence on the side of peace.

He denied that there had been any weakness in the League's pronouncements. The Assembly resolution contained very strong expressions standing by every principle of the League.

Moreover, reference to the Pact of Paris was deliberately made by the Assembly and it was this which brought them an assurance of the support of the United States.

The debate was then interrupted by private business.

DEBATE WOUND UP.

Later in the evening, the discussion was resumed, and Captain Anthony Eden wound up for the Government.

He noted an unexpectedly large measure of support for the Government's policy, apart from the criticism that the Government might have developed a little more vigour.

But those who advocated a "forward policy" overlooked the fact that had we indulged in such eagerness, we might have found ourselves acting alone.

As regard Manchuria, Captain Eden said that the Government was carefully watching British interests there.

This, he went on, was a thirty-year-old controversy and the more the Government had the opportunity to study it, the more fearful they were to venture hastily.

At present, the Government would be well advised to await the conclusions of the Commission headed by the Earl of Lytton.

HAPPIER RELATIONS.

In conclusion, he was glad to note a definite improvement in British relations with China in the past five years, due to Sir Austen Chamberlain's policy, a combination of firmness in defence of well-established British and other foreign interests and sympathy for just Chinese aspirations. That policy would continue.—*Reuter.*

KING'S THEATRE BIG TURNOVER.

HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL YEAR RECORDED.

EFFORTS TO SATISFY ALL TASTES.

The popular appeal of the King's Theatre to local film-goers was demonstrated this morning, when at the annual meeting of the China Entertainment and Land Investment Co., Ltd., it was revealed that the net earnings of the theatre during the past twelve months amounted to \$169,327, resulting in a profit of \$95,974.

After deducting certain amounts, \$65,197 was left for distribution, out of which a dividend of 60 cents per share was recommended. The Hon. Sir Shouwen Chow, president, and proposed the adoption of the report and accounts, in the course of which he said:—The report of the Directors together with the Balance Sheet at 31st December, 1931 and the Auditor's report, having been in your hands for some time, I will, with your permission follow the local custom and take them as read.

The King's Theatre Building was ready for occupation at the end of March last, and the Theatre was opened on the 31st of the same month. Pictures from the Paramount Film Co., which is one of the largest film producing companies in the world, were shown in this Theatre. A month later, we entered into a contract with the Fox Film Corporation for the exhibition of their best selection of pictures. As you doubtless know, both the Paramount Film Co., and the Fox Film Corporation are the premier film producing companies in the U. S. A. and their films are known in every part of the world. The popularity of their pictures can be evidenced by the large audiences and box-office returns.

British Pictures Appreciated. Your Directors soon realized that the people in this British Colony would much appreciate British pictures; consequently, they looked through the British Film Distribution Co., a selection of British productions, representing well-known English stage plays, and enacted by popular stage stars. I may mention that this Theatre is one of the first theatres in China to introduce first-class British talks.

This year, in addition to the above mentioned three well known Film Companies, we have also secured a selection of "United Artists" pictures, including their principal film "Palmy Day." Our reason for showing films other than those from the three companies already mentioned, is that the public may like an occasional change of pictures, as we are always anxious to satisfy the varied tastes of our large patrons. While giving special attention to the selection of good pictures for exhibition, we have not neglected to cater to the comfort of our patrons. Indeed, it is the first aim of the management of this theatre to offer the best service and comfort to its patrons, and would value their co-operation and advice, and no pains will be spared to give them every satisfaction.

I am pleased to state that the King's Theatre is the first theatre in South China to install a cooling plant. This cooling system not only cools and purifies the air, but at the same time it reduces the humidity. It is a boon to patrons during the hot weather, and its special feature is that the air, being evenly distributed, does not cause drafts.

King's Building Income. Turning now to the accounts, you will see from the Profit and Loss Account that the net earnings of the Theatre for its nine months' work is \$169,327.16 and our net rent receipts of offices and shops for the year is \$53,635.71; and that after deduction of interests and Directors and Auditor's fees, etc., our net profit for the year is \$95,974.10. We have, however, \$30,777 carried forward from 1930, thus leaving available for distribution \$65,197.10.

Your Directors recommend paying a dividend of 60 cents per share for the year, and writing off \$3,967.20 for preliminary expenses, leaving a balance of \$1,315.10 to be carried forward to next year's account.

I now propose that the report of the directors and the statement of Accounts as presented be adopted. When this has been seconded I will endeavour to answer, to the best of my ability, any questions which shareholders may wish to ask.

The motion was seconded by Dr. E. W. J. Sun and carried unanimously.

On the proposition of Mr. Chow Tung-sang, seconded by Mr. Mok Hing-sung, Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming were re-elected auditors, this concluded the meeting.

Extraordinary Meeting. Subsequently an extraordinary general meeting was held, when Mr. P. M. Hodgson proposed:—

RADIO BROADCAST

EUROPEAN CONCERT FROM STUDIO.

Radio Programme Broadcast by Z. B. W. on a wavelength of 355 metres. (845 K.C.'s). European Concert from the Studio. 8.00-9.00 p.m. Chinese Programme. 9.00-9.30 p.m. Children's Concert. 9.30-10.30 p.m. European Programme. 10.30-11.00 p.m. Mail Notice, etc. 11.00-11.30 p.m. Programme of Columbia Records kindly supplied by Messrs. Anderson Music Co. 7.03-7.18 p.m. Orchestral. Three Dances from Henry VIII (German). Sir Dan Godfrey conducting the Bournemouth Municipal Orch. 5577. Chanson Bohémienne (Bald and Nussbaum). The Clock is Playing (Blauw). Jean Lencas and Ila Orch. 4741. 7.18-7.38 p.m. Organ Solos. Cinderella Waltz (Pattman). Alice Where Art Thou? (Pattman). DB104. In a Persian Market (Ketelbey). In a Chinese Temple Garden (Ketelbey).

Quantin M. Maclean. 4021. Estrellita (Ponce). La Golondrina (Mexican Air). Enil Velasco. DB85. 7.38-8.00 p.m. Sea Chanties. Away for Rio (Carey). Shenandoah (Carey).

Arthur Jordan (Tenor). 3568. (a) Blow My Bully Boys, Blow (b) Billy Boy (arr. Terry). Island Shelling Song. Greenock Male Voice Choir. 4623. (a) Tom's Gone to Hills (b) What Shall We Do with the Drunken Sailor (arr. Terry). (a) Blow the Man Down (b) The Merchant Ship (arr. Terry and Shaw). The League of Arts Choir. 4693. 8.00 p.m. Local Time and Weather Report. 8.05-8.42 p.m. Operatic. Orchestral-La Tosca (Puccini). Prelude Act 3. Milan Symphony Orchestra. 5894. Chorus-La Gioconda (Ponchielli). Festa e Pane. Chorus-Madame Butterfly (Puccini). Humming Chorus. La Scala Chorus of Milan. 4801. Pianoforte Solo-Rosenkavalier (R. Strauss arr. Grainger). Fantasy on Love Themes. Percy Grainger. DB23. Chorus-Lombardi (Verdi)-O Signore Che Dal Tetto Natio. Chorus-Carmen (Bizet)-Chorus of Cigarette Girls. La Scala Chorus of Milan. 4800. Orchestral-The Barber of Seville-Overture (Rossini). Percy Pitt conducting the B. C. Wireless Symphony Orch. 9160. Organ Solo-Fredelica-O Maiden, My Maiden (Lehar). Quantin Maclean. DB277. 8.42-9.00 p.m. Wembley Military Tattoo played by the B.C. Band of H. M. Grenadier Guards conducted by Capt. George Miller. 9073-9074. 9.00-10.30 p.m. European Concert from the Studio. Programme.

1. Pianoforte Solo. Medley of Fox-Trots and Waltzes. Miss Doreen Ma. 2. Songs. (a) Lover Come Back To Me. (b) Pagan Love Song. Miss Pamela Bell (Soprano). Accompanied by Mr. G. W. True. 3. Humorous Monologue. The Girl On The Ferry. Mr. S. A. Sweet. 4. Songs. (a) Love. (b) Miss Me Goodnight. Miss Joan Bell (Contralto). Accompanied by Mr. G. W. True. 5. Violin Solo. Selected. Mr. Harold Leong Accompanied by Miss Doreen Ma. 6. Songs. (a) Who do You Love (From "The Love of Mike"). (b) One Kiss. Miss Pamela Bell (Soprano). Accompanied by Mr. G. W. True. Pianoforte Solo. Medley of Fox-Trots and Waltzes. Miss Doreen Ma. 7. Songs. (a) It Happened in Monterey. (b) Old New England Moon. Miss Joan Bell (Contralto). Accompanied by Mr. G. W. True. 8. Violin Solo. Selected. Mr. Harold Leong Accompanied by Miss Doreen Ma. 9. Humorous Monologue. "To Serenade Keweenaw." Mr. S. A. Sweet. 10. Vocal Duets. (a) "Springtime in the Rockies." (b) "Till We Meet Again." The Misses Pamela and Joan Bell Accompanied by Mr. G. W. True. 10.30 p.m. (approx.) Rugby Mid-Day Press News. 10.35 p.m. Close Down.

"That there shall be added to Article 71 of the Articles of Association of the Company the words:—'but the Chairman shall receive double remuneration.'"

Mr. Wong Kwong-tin seconded, the resolution being carried unanimously.

Supporting the Hon. Sir Shouwen Chow were Messrs. S. W. Tse, Li Jow-sun, Sam Pak-ming, Yai Kwai-luk, Chang Kwong-lin, Wong Kwong-lin, Tsoi Wai-hung and Chang Kwai-on (Directors). Liang Chi-hao and Chang Fat (Managing Directors). George Y. K. Sung (Secretary). While shareholders present were:—Dr. E. W. J. Sun, Messrs. Sung Jue-row, Chang Cheong, Mok Hung-sung, P. M. Hodgson, and Hung So-yiu.

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Senior Shield Final.

S.W.B. v. H.K. Club, Club
ground, Referee, G. Caswell.
Lineupman, P.O. Kirby and
Cpl. F. V. Holland. Kick-off
4.15 p.m. Extra time if
necessary.

1st Division.

St. Joseph's v. Navy, Navy
ground, Referee, J. W. Bald-
win. Kick-off 4.30 p.m.
sharp.

LATE M. HAARDT.

**BODY BEING SENT
TO FRANCE.**

In accordance with the wishes
expressed by the family of the late
Monsieur G.M. Haardt, leader of
the Central Asian Expedition, the
burial will take place in Paris, no
ceremonies being held here.

Accompanied by the three mem-
bers of the expedition at present
in Hongkong, the coffin will be
embarked on the French liner sail-
ing from this port on the 29th
inst. The other members of the
party which have already arrived
in Indo-China, will go aboard
at Saigon in order to escort the
body of their leader to France.

Residents of the Colony who de-
sire to express their sympathy
with M. Haardt's family and his
friends are asked to kindly write
their names at the French Consul
General's office in a book provided
for this purpose.

Among the many cables of con-
dolence received from leading per-
sonalities the world over are the
President of the Council, Secretary
of State for Foreign Affairs, who
have expressed the deep sympathy
of the French Government "which
associates whole-heartedly with
the expedition in its grief at the
loss of their chief."

**HONGKONG SHARE
MARKET.**

**OFFICIAL SUMMARY BY
STOCK EXCHANGE.**

The market displayed greater
firmness at this morning's session,
resulting in some of the rates being
marked up substantially.

Sales.

Hongkong Banks \$1450/1400.
Providents (New) \$235.
Hotels \$13.00/125. Cum. Rights.
Hongkong Lands \$75.
Hongkong Rentals \$104/11.
Ewo Cottons Tls. 14.00.
Hongkong Trams \$21.40/214.
China Lights (Old) \$214.
Hongkong Electric \$744.
Cements (Combined) \$19.15.
Hongkong Ropes \$164.
Dairy Farms \$20.
Constructions (New) \$1.90.

Buyers.

Hongkong Banks \$1440.
Union Insurance \$445.
China Underwriters \$4.
Providents (Old) \$4.00.
Hotels \$13.75. Cum. Rights.
Hotels Rights \$24.
Hongkong Lands \$75.
Hongkong Rentals \$104.
Chinese Estates \$95.
Ewo Cottons Tls. 15.30.
Hongkong Trams \$21.35.
Star Ferries \$214.
China Lights (Old) \$214.
China Lights (New) \$204.
Hongkong Electric \$744.
Telephones (P.P.) \$24.
Canton Ice \$54.
Cements (Combined) \$194.
Cements (Old) \$124.
Cements (New) \$54.
Dairy Farms \$284.
Watsons \$15.50.
Lane, Crawford (Old) \$54.
Lane, Crawford (New) \$5.
Amusements \$20.00.
Constructions (Old) \$8.
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Canton Insurance \$1250.
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MR. T. F. CLAXTON LEAVES
THIS WEEK.

When the forthcoming summer brings its usual crop of typhoons, their progress will no longer be watched by the keen eye of Mr. T. F. Claxton, Director of the Royal Observatory, for after more than 20 years spent in recording and forecasting the vagaries of Hongkong's weather, he is to leave by the P. and O. liner Rajputana on Saturday, on retirement. He is leaving the Colony with many regrets, and it is only on medical advice that he is retiring. During the week, Mr. Claxton was honoured with a handsome address from the members of the staff of the Observatory.

Mr. Claxton has lived a lifetime in an atmosphere of isobars, weather maps and Beaufort scales. As a youth he joined the world famous observatory at Greenwich and six years later went to Mauritius as Assistant Director of the Royal Alfred Observatory. Later he became Director and in addition was Secretary of the Meteorological Society, a member of the Board of Directors and Secretary of the Mauritius Institute and Museum and a member of the committee of Primary Education.

Knows His Typhoons.

His experience of years on the island prepared him well for Hongkong, for Mauritius was another of the world's spots where the community look to the meteorologist to warn them of the impending typhoon, or hurricane, as they are called there. The greater portion of Mr. Claxton's meteorological years, therefore, have been spent under the harness of a watch on typhoons, and he will say that it is no easy job in Mauritius, where he had reports from only two stations on which to base his forecasts.

Appointed Director Designate to the Hongkong Observatory in 1911, Mr. Claxton arrived in the Colony on May 31 that year, and took over from Mr. F. G. Figg. He was appointed Director in 1912 and in that capacity attended many meteorological conferences in the Far East and abroad. The last one at which he was present was as President of the Conference of Directors of Far Eastern Weather Services, held in Hongkong in 1930, when the local typhoon signals were altered to include more symbols in order to meet the needs of the Philippines.

He was present at the Meteorological Conference at Tokyo in 1913, went on a mission to other observatories in the Far East in 1921 and again in 1924 and in 1929 attended the Conference of Empire Meteorologists in London and the International Conference of Directors of Weather Services in Copenhagen.

In addition Mr. Claxton acted as cable censor during the closing years of the war.

Interested in Earthquakes.

During his service in Hongkong, Mr. Claxton has seen the work of the Observatory and the extent of its reports grow considerably. On his recommendation, seismology was added to its departments after the 1918 earthquake and the magnetic work has been considerably extended and the time service improved. Mr. Claxton is a great advocate of seismology not only for its local interest, but also for co-operating in international investigation.

During the past years the advent of wireless telegraphy has aided Mr. Claxton's work in plotting the positions of the various weather systems. When he first took over there were no reports from the North, weather over Korea was an unknown quantity and all the Yangtze district was doubtful. Wireless brought a daily synopsis from the Director of the Sincere Observatory and from even further afield than that. But mistakes still occur to make the much maligned job of weather forecasting no easier. Mr. Claxton declares. Sometimes the mistakes can be detected; on other occasions, they cannot, and the results may be disastrous.

Value of Prizes.

Wireless has so much aided Mr. Claxton's work, that with time signals popping out of the ether at every hour of the day, the time

Baby's Teething Troubles

The distressing pains which baby suffers whilst cutting teeth are due, more than anything, to the derangement of stomach and bowels which accompany the process. In the past, sleepless and distraught parents have been compelled to resort to various so-called soothing medicines, most of which contained opiate, narcotic or other harmful elements, in order to bring the child relief.

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After several weeks of quiet at Dartmoor Prison, extra precautions were taken to-day as a result of unrest last night when the convicts in three halls spent the night shouting, swearing, ringing bells and threatening to break out this morning.

All the convicts were kept within the walls except a few trusted men whose sentences are due to expire. These were allowed to carry out essential duties on the farm under guards.

Armed guards were also on duty outside the walls. The wives and families of all the wardens were warned to remain in their homes.

However nothing happened. Evidently cowed by the strength of the guards, the convicts allowed themselves to be taken to their cells.—*Reuter's Special Service.*

hall on Flagstaff Hill, which is controlled by the Observatory, is hardly necessary.

The erection of the Pratas station has been another boon to the Observatory. Mr. Claxton declares it is of tremendous service and functioning excellently. When typhoons are in the air it is invaluable and sends reports hourly.

Mr. Claxton's job is one without set hours; typhoons find him poring over his charts at all hours, and consequently does not leave him much time for other activities. What spare time he has had, Mr. Claxton has spent on the golf links or the tennis courts or round the bridge table. His main interest has been the United Services Recreation Club, on which committee he has served as civilians' representative for many years.

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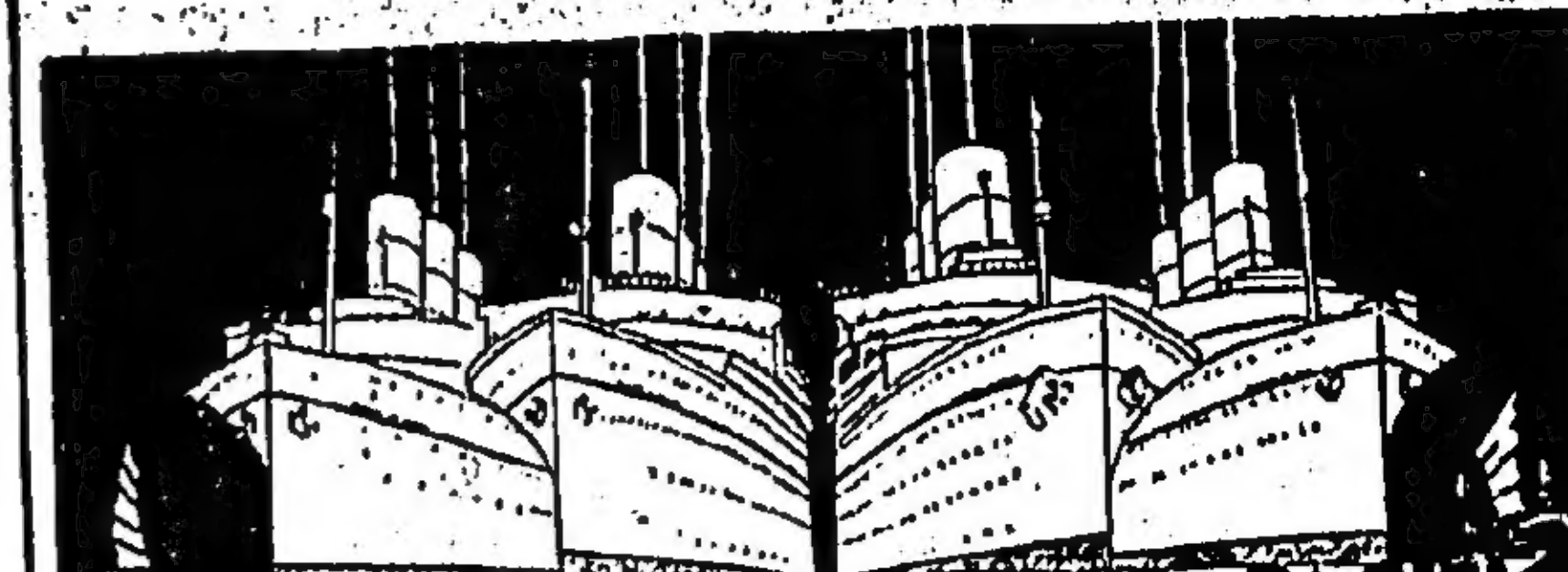
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Emp. of Russia	Apr. 22	Apr. 25	Apr. 26	Apr. 28	Apr. 30	May 9	May 9
Emp. of Japan	May 6	May 8	May 9	May 11	May 13	May 24	May 24
Emp. of Asia	May 20	May 23	May 24	May 26	May 28	June 4	June 4
Emp. of Canada	June 3	June 6	June 6	June 8	June 10	June 16	June 16
Emp. of Russia	June 17	June 20	June 21	June 23	June 25	July 4	July 4
Emp. of Japan	July 1	July 4	July 4	July 6	July 8	July 14	July 14
Emp. of Asia	July 15	July 18	July 19	July 21	July 23	Aug. 1	Aug. 1
Emp. of Canada	July 29	Aug. 1	Aug. 1	Aug. 3	Aug. 5	Aug. 11	Aug. 11
Emp. of Russia	Aug. 12	Aug. 15	Aug. 16	Aug. 18	Aug. 20	Aug. 27	Aug. 27
Emp. of Japan	Aug. 26	Aug. 29	Aug. 30	Aug. 31	Sept. 2	Sept. 8	Sept. 8
Emp. of Asia	Sept. 9	Sept. 12	Sept. 13	Sept. 15	Sept. 17	Sept. 24	Sept. 24
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THE DEFENCE OF HONGKONG.

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but to others. Nothing is likely to happen to us here. Nothing ever does happen in Hongkong! We have so many Societies for the Prevention of Things Happening that we sleep soundly in our beds. We know that the nude culturists can only come when the lights are out (laughter) and that an air raid can never come at all.

We are as fortunate in our immunities as we are blest above all peoples in our exuberant optimism. We want to be realistic, but we don't want to face realities. That's the whole volunteering problem in a nutshell.

Goodbye Ice House Street! Let us take it out of a nutshell and put it in a bombshell. (Laughter.) Let us, when we feel disposed to thank whatever gods there be that Hongkong is different somehow, consider as clearly and as cogently as we can what would happen if Hongkong was raided from the air. Let us consider that the weapon of the first warplane was an automatic pistol and that today a bomber takes off with about two tons of stuff that, with great good luck, would blow Ice House Street to blazes (laughter)—and still,

I hope, have enough left over to kill the criminal that made this coffee! (laughter).

We have to defend ourselves or to rely on Providence for our defence. We pray for peace in our time, but what good claim have we on Providence for protection against the desolating heathenry of high explosives? Enemy airmen also are godly folk, with an equal claim on Providence, and with the inestimable advantage of being ten thousand feet nearer heaven than Bishop's Lodge. (Laughter.) Surely a gleam of simple intelligence should indicate that it were better we should leave to Providence the holding of the scales, and in the meanwhile man the guns that our ungodly authorities tell us we need.

Attack Possibility. If we admit the necessity for defence we must at least admit the possibility of attack. Not only have we to defend this Colony, but we have to protect a peaceful and industrious people, whose co-operation in our plans we do not invite, but whose confidence in our power of protection we have every right to expect and every duty to encourage.

We can't afford to take any risks. All that we have is at stake in the Colony—or owned by the Hongkong Bank. (Laughter.) All our overdrafts are here, and some of our wives! The people

who make our coffee don't matter, but the Armenians and the Land Investment Company expect us to defend our hearths and homes (laughter)—otherwise they will raise our rents. We must do something.

Volunteers Needed. The old China Fleet and the old Regular Forces—stiffened by the old whiskered warriors—were a safe standby in the old days, but times have changed. We have to fight new forces from the air and I am here to tell you that we want volunteers to man the guns.

In the Anti-Aircraft Light Automatic Company we work on rather novel, though not entirely original lines. Those of you who have read Nicholas Nickleby will remember that Mr. Squeers had an educational method peculiarly his own. Quoting from the book, "We go upon the practical mode of teaching, Nickleby; the regular education system, C-I-a-n, clean, verb active, to make bright, W-I-n, win, d-e-r, der, winner, a case-mint. When a boy knows this, Nickleby, he goes and cleans the winders." (Laughter.)

Protecting The Gas Works. Well, it seemed to me better than most education systems I have studied and I understand it has proved highly successful in the Girl Guides. (Laughter.) We have, therefore, adopted it to a modified extent in the Anti-Aircraft Company. Our scheme is to allocate men as far as possible to the defence of their own particular interests. The Tai Koo Dock men defend their dock works. The Hongkong Electric men defend their electric works. The water men defend their waterworks. Conforming to the same idea, gentlemen, what about the gas works? (Laughter.) I am seriously disturbed about the gas works? Can I hope to-day to get forty-nine men to join me in the defence of my particular interest? It's for you to decide. (Laughter.)

The need is for men now. We don't want to be reminded by letters in the newspapers that there are hundreds of men in the Colony who will roll up when the war starts, provided it doesn't start before they roll up. The habit of rolling up, of which I am a warm and enthusiastic supporter, has much to commend it, but it would be more commendable if air raids were subject to a month's notice. It gives us a comfortable sense of security to know the rollers-up are there wherever they are—but we should be happier to know that they were keeping their hands in.

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LOCAL JOURNALIST MARRIED YESTERDAY.

A pretty Chinese wedding was solemnised yesterday afternoon when Miss Tang Chiu-lan became the bride of Mr. Wei Kwok-lun, the secretary of the Rensha News Service, who is well known in the local Chinese journalistic circles. The bride is the fourth daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tang Kwei-pok, while the bridegroom is the fourth son of the late Mr. Wei Min-ting. Miss Tang was the bridesmaid, and Mr. Koo Shin-wei performed the duty of best man.

A large gathering of friends and relatives was entertained at a reception given at the Hotel Cecil after the wedding ceremony.

Mr. Shum Hip-tong, the well known owner of Chinese newspapers in Hongkong and Canton, proposed the toast of the happy couple and briefly referred to the successful journalistic career of the bridegroom and the academic accomplishments of the bride. He wished them both happiness and prosperity.

The honeymoon will be spent in Canton.

volunteer of the truth of our need has been entrusted to me, partly, no doubt, because I am an old volunteer and know nothing of these things, but principally, I think, because the truth is never really convincing unless told by an experienced liar! (Laughter.)

An Existing Need.

Mr. Chairman, you have been good enough to give me an opportunity of telling the truth to this representative assembly of business and professional men of Hongkong. The need exists. What more is there to say to all good citizens—to all who hold in proper honour the public spirit and patriotism of those who in the early days of this Colony, laid the foundations of its greatness and counted as the first of their obligations and the proudest of their privileges a place in the front of its defences? (Applause.)

Probably, at some time or other, Mr. Chairman, you have tried to arouse public interest in some sinister scheme of your own. You look as if you have (Laughter)—and I know that you appreciate my difficulties in raising this Company. I know that you will understand how grateful I am to the Rotary Club for the help you are giving me to-day. (Applause.)

Hon. Mr. Shenton.

In supporting the speaker, the Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton, the Wing Commander of the Flying Club, referred to the Club. He remarked, "All I can say is I hope that in forming this Company Mr. Champkin will be more fortunate and lucky in hatching than I have been. I hope he will be able to hatch out more anti-aircraft guns than I have been able to hatch out aircraft. During the past year or 18 months I have sat on some pretty good eggs for a considerable period but they turned out to be dud! (Laughter). I am still sitting on a couple more and I don't know whether they will hatch out or not (laughter) but, at the moment, there is no sign of life. He concluded by wishing the new movement every success and good luck.

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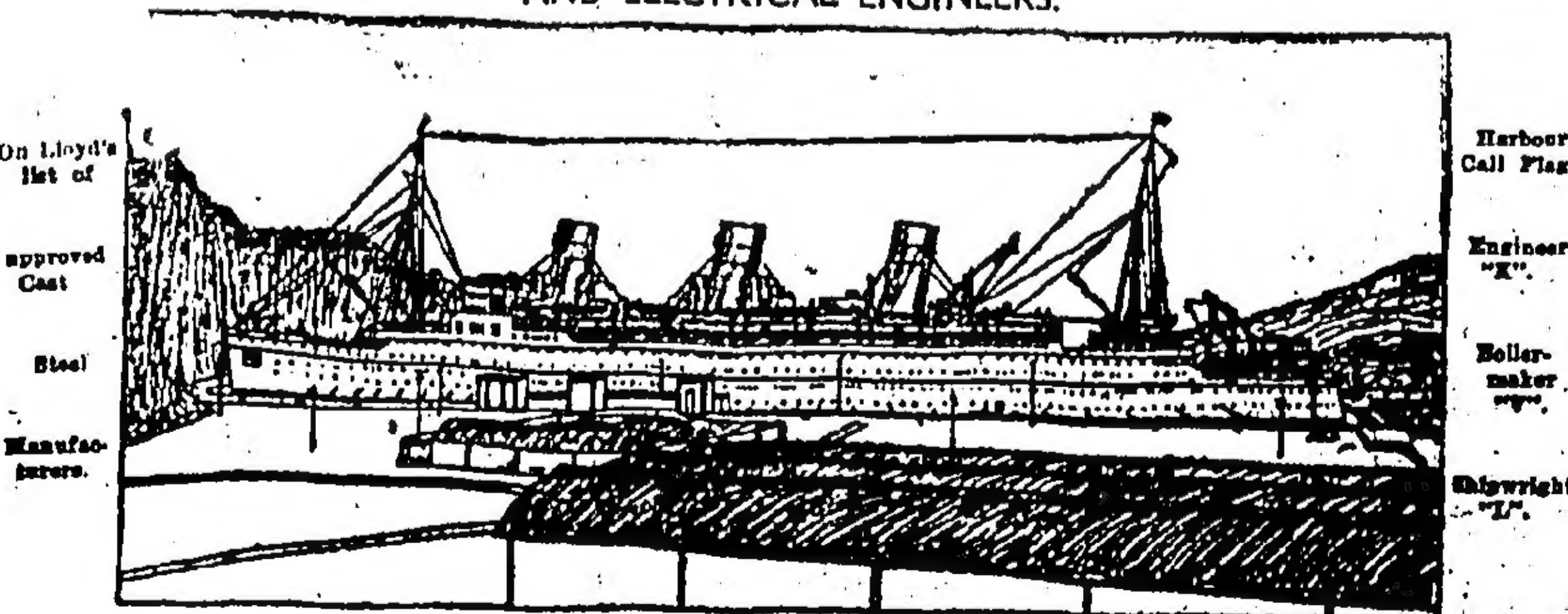
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Mr. Mackie said: Gentlemen.—The report and statement of accounts for the year ended December 31, 1931, have been in your hands for the prescribed period and with your permission I will take them as read.

The net profit for the year, after depreciation of \$1,438,459.29, with the sum of \$142,335.82 brought forward from last account, we have \$1,340,355.11 for appropriation and with this we propose to pay a dividend of \$2.50 per share, absorbing \$1,125,000; to appropriate a sum to write off obsolete plant, \$173,059; to place in reserve, \$400,000 to carry forward to next account, \$126,336.11.

The profit on working exceeded that for 1930 by \$104,869 and in view of the increased cost of fuel, which forms a large percentage of the working costs of the unit, this result may, I think, be looked upon as satisfactory.

A new item which appears in the working account is the five yearly installation testing which the Company have to carry out in accordance with Government requirements and which has meant the formation of an entirely new sub-department attached to the meter staff. This department commenced its activities on January 1st, 1931.

Increased Costs.

We have set aside an additional \$39,202, making a total of \$626,567 for depreciation, which leaves us with a net profit of \$334,609 in excess of that for the previous year.

In viewing the results for last year it should be borne in mind that we have had to meet largely increased costs of miscellaneous supplies as well as on machinery and accessories. It should also be remembered that we offer the public a supply at very low rates which can be equalled in but few cities throughout the world. The improved results of the period under review have been possible owing to the steady increase in the output which has shown a further rise during the year of some 9.8 per cent., the total number of units sold having risen to over 27½ millions. The number of consumers has also increased in a gratifying manner and is now almost at the 36,000 stage, an

increase of over 3,000 during the year, or the largest increase during the last ten years.

Government rates are considerably heavier owing to increased assessments, a likelihood forecasted last year. It will be observed that a note has been inserted in the assets side of the balance sheet to the effect that we are committed to further payments under contracts amounting to \$22,914. This figure represents the balance of instalments on the new turbine, boilers, and steam range, comprising our new plant, and should, I feel, appear in the balance sheet.

A new item also appears under the heading of goods in transit, at the date of the balance sheet for which our London representative had paid and drawn on us.

Motor Vehicle Fleet.

You will notice under the heading motor cars and lorries, which appeared in last account at \$27,613.11, there has been an expenditure during the year of \$25,701.82. This is due to the purchase of a fleet of lighter type commercial vehicles which have already shown a considerable economy in running and are tending to reduce our transport costs.

With regard to sundry debtors, the increase of \$173,419 is mainly on account of remittances of London at favourable rates to meet further payments for our extensions.

Cash at hand and in current account has decreased by \$308,482, heavy payments on account of new plant having been made. There are, I think, no further points in the account which call for special remark other than the writing off of some of the old plant to which I will refer later.

The new plant of which I spoke last year has now arrived and is in process of erection at the moment. It is hoped to have it in operation during this spring. We have been fortunate in being able to pay for this additional machinery at higher rates of exchange than was anticipated.

Modern Power Station.

In accordance with the progressive policy of the Company whereby it has been decided to completely modernise the power station and replace the low pressure with high pressure steam plant with its attendant greater economy, it will be necessary to convert the British Thomson-Houston set No. 6 to the higher pressure as soon as possible and to provide a further high pressure boiler in the near future.

With this object in view your Directors deem it advisable to completely write off two of the obsolete turbines although they will be retained as a standby supply. From the point of view of maximum efficiency these sets are now out of date but I would mention that they have been in continuous use for a considerable number of years and have in their time done yeoman service.

I think I may safely say that the results of the past year have fully realised our expectations, the most satisfactory feature in my opinion being the considerable

increase in output mainly due to the larger number of consumers. I would also add that care has been taken to effect every possible economy without in any way impairing efficiency.

It is always my pleasure on these occasions to express our appreciation of all that the staff have done to achieve the results which we place before you and with this I am sure the shareholders would like to associate themselves.

I now propose that the report and statement of accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1931, be adopted, and when this has been seconded I shall be pleased to answer any questions you may desire to ask.

Mr. Chau Seconds.

The Hon. Mr. T. N. Chau, in seconding the proposal, said:—Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen.—I have listened with great interest to the speech from the chair and I would like to offer my congratulations to the Directors, agents and staff on the excellent results of last year's working. In view of the low level of exchange and the consequent advance in the cost of coal, machinery and stores etc., the increase in the net profit is highly satisfactory.

As you stated, Sir, I think the higher output and the large increase in the number of consumers are features which must appeal to shareholders as an indication of the steady progress of our undertaking.

The proposal of the Board to write off obsolete plant appears to me as a wise and proper course and will I feel sure meet with the approval of all present. It has always been the policy of this Company to depreciate on an adequate scale and I am pleased to see that this principle has again been followed in the present accounts.

It must be a matter of great satisfaction to the Directors to be able to again propose a dividend of \$2.50 per share and at the same time place a considerable amount to our healthy reserve account.

Whilst the report and accounts before us are thoroughly satisfactory from the shareholders' point of view, I would point out that consumers receive current at a rate which bears comparison with any place in the world.

I personally am very pleased to see that the Board is maintaining the generating station at a high state of efficiency. I hold the view that modern machinery incorporating all the latest improvements is essential for economical production.

I now have much pleasure in formally seconding the adoption of the report and accounts for 1931, as presented. No questions being asked, the resolution was put to the meeting and the adoption of the report and statement of accounts was carried unanimously.

Other Business.

Mr. T. E. Pearce and the Hon. Mr. C. G. S. Mackie, retiring Directors, were re-elected by a resolution proposed by Mr. W. S. (Continued on Next Column.)

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The Chairman:—That is all the business, gentlemen, I thank you for your attendance. Dividend warrants are now ready.
The Hon. Mr. C. G. S. Mackie (Chairman of Directors) presided, and was supported by Sir Robert Ho Tung, Hon. Sir Shouson Chow, Mr. J. P. Warren, the Hon. Mr. J. J. Patterson (Directors), and Mr. J. Douglas Butcher (Manager).
Shareholders were represented by Messrs. W. S. Bailey, Chiu Ho-jing, Lau Shiu Chuen, V. Sorby, F. L. Brown, Hon. Mr. T. N. Chau, Fung Kong-un, Leung Fattin, To Cho-hing, Wong Ping-nu, L. E. Ozorio, Leung Yan-no, O. F. Ribeiro, Leung Shiu-lau, H. J. M. de Figueiredo, L. J. Davies, B. Wong Tapp, Wong Chio, S. H. Ross, Ip Fook, Paul Laufer, Frank Austin (Attorney for Mr. A. J. David), and Chung Wing-kou.

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